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## Rookie sires add life to state's stallion roster

by Joe Clancy

**F**irst-year sires in Maryland? Now? Why?

Josh Pons and Billy Boniface say why not. The two men added Friesan Fire and Etched to the state's stallion roster for the 2012 season and are enthused—economic climate and industry struggles be damned. The stallions fit.

Etched is owned by Darley and won \$587,586 on the track. The son of Forestry won three graded stakes. His dam Unbridled Elaine earned more than \$1.7 million. His half-brother, Out of Bounds, is on the Triple Crown trail. His sire produced 2011 Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Shackleford and stands for \$12,500 in Kentucky. Etched joins Mojave Moon on the stallion roster at Bonita Farm in Darlington, and stands for \$3,500.

Friesan Fire was the favorite for the 2009 Kentucky Derby-G1. The son of A.P. Indy captured the Louisiana Derby-G2 and earned \$679,356. He's co-owned by the Pons family's Country Life Farm, Vinery and Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm. In a switch, Friesan Fire (whose female family hails from Australia) will stand at Merryland Farm for \$4,000.

They are the two biggest new names on the Maryland



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Bonita Farm's Etched (top) and Merryland Farm's Friesan Fire are the two biggest names when it comes to new sires in Maryland for 2012.



Stakes winners Admiral Alex (left) and Cuba (above) are other first-year sires joining the Maryland stallion ranks for 2012, at Shamrock Farms in Woodbine and Royal Wux Farm in Chestertown, respectively.

stallion roster, which also includes first-year sires Cuba (a son of Not For Love) at Royal Wux Farm in Chestertown and Admiral Alex (Afleet Alex) at Shamrock Farms in Woodbine.

Pons said 60 mares had committed to Friesan Fire by early January, and he expects the number to reach 100. Talk started last fall between Porter and Pons' brother Mike.

"They were both staying at the Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington for the [Keeneland] September sale and kept bumping into each other in the business center," Josh Pons said. "It's just timing and doing the homework. That's where it originated. They kept talking, we went out to see the horse and it just made sense to Vinery and to Rick Porter to put a pretty damn nice horse in Maryland."

And now Friesan Fire resides in the two-stall stallion barn at Merryland in Hydes. For 10 years, the historic farm has been a training center and a second phase to Country Life—providing a base for racing partnerships, a breaking/training operation and more. Now, it will return to breeding while Country Life rests. Just four riding horses now live at the Bel Air farm, which has been re-seeded, fertilized, refurbished.

"We left the fields alone and round-baled almost 600 bales off it [in 2011]," Pons said. "The fields have never looked better. They look like farm fields again, not just horse pastures. There is an emptiness to the farm, but it has had horses on it for almost 80 years and really needed the break. When you look at it,

we're laying down a future for the farm."

The Merryland operation is bustling, however, and helps Pons sell his new stallion to potential breeders stopping by the farm to see horses in training. For his part, Friesan Fire has settled in and taken his place.

"I love his temperament, he's a really smart horse," Pons said. "You look at him and think he had 150,000 people staring at him on Derby Day and filming his every move for a week before the race. He's like some friend of yours who played in some really important game. You watched him play and you realize nothing's going to rattle him, ever. He's got that calm about him and you know he must have been some kind of competitor to have played in that game."

Up the road at Bonita, Etched gets credit for the best stallion advertising photo of 2012—a leg-stretching gallop across his paddock at Bonita. Behind him stands a stately tree and the grapevines that someday will be bottles of Chateau Bonita or another blend of the farm's wine.

Before him, yet unseen, is a stallion career—which came to be via conversations between Boniface and Darley's Charlie Boden through trainer Al Stall's wife Nicole (a former Bonita employee and longtime family friend).

"When the Maryland Stallion Station stallions moved out of here, it gave us an opportunity to step back and look at what we have," said Boniface. "We've got a broodmare band, we've got mares for clients. What were we looking for in stallions? Could the mares stay here rather than go to Kentucky or somewhere else? What would fit in a regional market?"

Boniface was looking for a miler, a horse with a dirt pedigree (too much turf around the region, he says) and some upside. Etched fit all three with graded stakes wins at Aqueduct and Monmouth, a family heavy on dirt form and a young female family still producing runners. His half-brother, Out of Bounds, won the Sham Stakes-G3 at Santa Anita Jan. 7 and is in the early 3-year-old picture for 2012.

Bonita will support the chestnut with its mares and its clients', and has gotten help from Darley with regard to advertising and marketing. Optimistic, Boniface hopes to attract 60 mares.

"We've got a decent start but like everybody else knows, it's tough booking mares right now," Boniface said. "He's very attractive at \$3,500, we're a regional market and he's going to appeal to regional breeders. He's already been a huge plus to me because I've got a quality sire for my clients."

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## MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



JIM MCCUE (2)

### Plum



#### Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Dec. 17.

Ch.f., 2009, by Pure Prize—Bamba, by Not For Love. Bred and owned by Dark Hollow Farm; trained by Rodney Jenkins. Foaled at Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
4	3 (1)	1	0	\$86,070 (through Dec. 17)

**2011:** 1st \$75,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 17.

**A** dramatic late surge by Dark Hollow Farm's home-bred filly Plum to win the \$75,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship in the final jump made her a front-runner for year-end state-bred championship honors for her division.

Ridden by Travis Dunkelberger, the daughter of Pure Prize prevailed by a head over More Than a Cruise in the 7½-furlong test, the juvenile stakes co-feature on Laurel Park's Saturday, Dec. 17 closing day card. Early leader

Bluegrass Atatude, winner of the Maryland Million Lassie three starts back, finished 2 lengths behind More Than a Cruise, followed by Jazzy Idea, Two Hearts in One, Will n' Pat and Lady Greeley.

The 1.60-1 favorite, Plum stopped the clock in 1:33.95 and paid \$5.20. Now three for four lifetime for trainer Rodney Jenkins, Plum has made all of her starts at Laurel Park.

Jenkins, who won the 2010 running of the Juvenile Filly Championship with Love's Reason, noted: "This filly has done everything we've asked her. It gives you confidence when breeders like their own horses and care about them.

"We haven't seen the best of this filly," continued Jenkins. "Wait until she goes a mile and an eighth or a mile and a quarter. I ran her long three times with her coming into the race so I didn't have the speed, but I noticed Travis out broke them. She is a nice filly and is dead honest. She has such a natural stride. The rest of them looked like they were running their eye-

balls out and she is galloping along. She has a good mind, good size and will grow into a better filly than she is now."

Plum is the first stakes horse from three foals of racing age for the Not For Love mare Bamba. Also bred in Maryland by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm, Bamba won three times during her career and earned \$92,680 while counting a second in the What a Summer and thirds in the Politely, Smart Halo and Squan Song Stakes.

Bamba is also the dam of \$128,350-earner U Boat Alley (Stormy Atlantic) and \$65,060-earner Marianotorge (by Lion Hearted). She produced a colt by Dance With Ravens in 2010, and has a yearling filly by Pure Prize, foaled in early May. Not in foal for 2012, Bamba is booked to Warrior's Reward.

### King and Crusader



#### Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 17.

Dk.b./br.c., 2009, by Lion Heart—Sugarloaf, by Regal Intention. Bred by North Highland Farm; owned by James A. Riccio; trained by Richard E. Dutrow Jr. Foaled at North Highland Farm, Barnesville, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
5	2 (1)	0	1	\$64,300 (through Dec. 17)

**2011:** 1st \$75,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship S, 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 17.

**J**ames A. Riccio's New York-based King and Crusader made his first foray into his native state a winning one when he upset eight other Maryland-bred 2-year-olds in the \$75,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship on Laurel Park's final Saturday card of the year on Dec. 17.

Rick Dutrow trains the son of Lion Heart, who was ridden for the first time by Victor Santiago. King and Crusader stole off to an uncontested lead, surrendered the front to even-money favorite Glib in mid-stretch, then reclaimed the lead nearing the wire to win by a length and a quarter in 1:32.09 for the seven and a half-furlong distance. Maryland Million Nursery winner Glib held on for second, as graded stakes winner Jack's in the Deck finished third. Alongcamedevil, Senior Quickie, Bull H, Won the War, McNair and Adger, and Going to Market rounded out the field.

King and Crusader, whose only other win from five starts came for a \$25,000 tag at Belmont Park in October, paid \$34.60 and topped a \$106.80 exacta and \$445.40 trifecta.

Claimed by Dutrow on behalf of Riccio for \$35,000 at Saratoga in August, King and Crusader has since recorded two wins and a third. The stakes win boosted his earnings to \$64,300.

Bred by Michael and Patricia Sutherland's North Highland Farm, King and



Crusader is out of Sugarloaf, a daughter of Regal Intention who was a winner in her only start. A half-sister to the North Highland-bred stakes winner McKilts, Sugarloaf has extended the family that has also produced for the Sutherlands multiple stakes winner P V Lightening.

Sugarloaf, now 15, was the dam of eight consecutive foals, including stakes-placed runner Homesteader (\$220,034, 2nd Whimsical S, etc.), before producing King and Crusader in 2009—the only foal bred by the Sutherlands that year. Having cut back their operation in recent years, the Sutherlands sold their 77-acre Barnesville farm in October 2010. Sugarloaf, currently boarded in Kentucky, produced a filly by First Defence in 2011 and is in foal to Spring At Last.

*Editor's note: As this magazine was going to press, the stewards ruled on Jan. 11 to disqualify King and Crusader from purse money. The result will be covered in more depth in the next issue.*

## Baltimore Belle



### Geisha Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel Park, Dec. 10.

Dk.b./br.m., 2007, by Bowman's Band—Gabby's Love, by Perkin Warbeck. Bred by Carol Kaye-Garcia and Barbara Smith; owned by R. Larry Johnson; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. Foaled at Wellington Park Farm, Woodbine, Md.

starts	Lifetime			earnings
	1st	2nd	3rd	
22	7 (4)	6 (2)	1	\$309,064 (through Dec. 10)



JIM MCCUE

**2010:** 1st \$100,000 Maryland Million Oaks, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 2; 2nd Twixt S. **2011:** 1st \$75,000 Dahlia S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi. (off turf), fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 23; \$75,000 Lady Baltimore S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Oct. 22; \$75,000 Geisha S, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 10; 2nd Maryland Million Ladies S.

**R.** Larry Johnson's Baltimore Belle ran by favorite Love's Blush in deep stretch to capture the \$75,000 Geisha Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares, the Saturday feature on Dec. 10 at Laurel Park.

A three-time stakes winner in 2011 at age 4 for trainer Mike Trombetta, Baltimore Belle carried Julian Pimentel to a 1¼-length victory in 1:37.72 for the 1 mile distance. She won the Dahlia Stakes at Pimlico in April and took the Lady Baltimore Stakes on the Laurel turf course in her previous start.

"She likes to run," said Tana Aubrey-Verge, Trombetta's Laurel Park-based assistant. "She is so versatile. We can do a lot with her. I'd like to try her on the synthetic surface next year."

Love's Blush finished second, with frontrunner Access to Charlie holding on to third, followed by Fools in Love, Lily Quatorze, Art of the Hunt and Alpha Darlin. Baltimore Belle, one of five stakes winners in the seven-horse field, paid \$8 as the second choice in the wagering.

Winner of the 2010 Maryland Million Oaks while in

the barn of trainer J.B. Secor for then-owner Robert Gerczak and Kaygar Stable, Baltimore Belle was purchased two months later by Johnson for \$130,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale at Timonium and sent to Trombetta. In 2011, she won three times and finished second once from nine starts to earn \$168,250. Her lifetime mark is 22-7-6-1 with earnings of \$309,064.

From the second crop of the late Bowman's Band, who

stood his first two seasons at Maryland Stallion Station in Glyndon before moving to Kentucky, Baltimore Belle was bred by Carol Kaye and Barbara Smith out of the stakes-placed mare Gabby's Love (by Perkin Warbeck). Baltimore Belle is a half-sister to three-time stakes winner Baltimore Bob (2005, Malibu Moon; \$376,217, Henry S. Clark S, etc.) and Gabianna (2000, Deerhound; \$136,610, The Very One S).

## MHIB Touch of Class Award for December

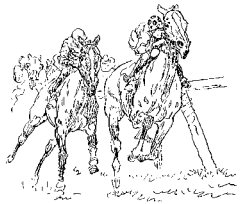


**CLASSY GROUP:** The Touch of Class presentation included (from left) Maryland Horse Industry Board chairman Jim Steele; Ashley Valis from Governor Martin O'Malley's office; award recipient Tiffany McClure; Maryland agriculture secretary Buddy Hance; Maryland agriculture deputy secretary Mary Ellen Setting; and congressman Dennis Cardoza (Cal.), co-chair of Congressional Horse Caucus.

The Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) presented its December Touch of Class Award to Tiffany McClure, the International Professional Rodeo Association's 2010 World Champion Barrel Racer, during a private screening of the Steven Spielberg movie *War Horse* in Washington, D.C., in December. McClure, who grew up in Prince George's County and graduated from Anne Arundel Community College, was presented with the award by a host of dignitaries present for the event.

"We are very pleased that Tiffany was able to fly in from Oklahoma to be here with us and to accept this award not only for her own achievements but as a representative of the best in Maryland's equine industry," said state Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance. "We thank the Maryland Jockey Club and American Horse Council for hosting this screening and bringing together so many of Maryland's equine professionals to celebrate Maryland's horse industry—an important agricultural sector in our state and region."

Last year, McClure left her job as a large animal vet assistant, moved to Oklahoma with her horse Dinks Rockin Again, a 10-year-old red roan Quarter Horse, and joined the rodeo. She jumped to the lead in the rookie category and kept winning her way to the world title.



# MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from November 28 to December 31, 2011.

## Jennings Handicap

December 3. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 6 competed. (Closed with 12 nominations.) Winner: EIGHTTOFASTOCATCH, by Not For Love. Breeder Bonus: Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable (\$7,875). Stallion Bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$3,937.50). Second: INDIAN DANCE, by Indian Charlie. Bender and Bender LLC (\$2,625). Stallion bonus: None. Third: CONCEALED IDENTITY, by Smarty Jones. Breeder Bonus: Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman (\$1,443.75). Stallion Bonus: None. Fourth: LONDON LANE, by Langfuhr. Breeder Bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$787.50). Stallion Bonus: None.

## Geisha Stakes

December 10. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 8 nominations.) Winner: BALTIMORE BELLE, by Bowman's Band. Breeder Bonus: Carol Kaye-Garcia and Barbara Smith (\$7,875). Stallion bonus: Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz (\$3,937.50). Second: LOVE'S BLUSH, by Not For Love. Breeder Bonus: Sycamore Hall Farm LLC (\$2,625). Stallion Bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$1,312.50). Third: ACCESS TO CHARLIE, by Indian Charlie. Breeder bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$1,443.75). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: FOOLS IN LOVE, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss (\$787.50). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$393.75).

## Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes

December 17. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 2-year-old fillies, registered Maryland-breds. 7½ fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 10 nominations.) Winner: PLUM, by Pure Prize. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm (\$7,875). Stallion bonus: None. Second: MORE THAN A CRUISE, by More Than Ready. Breeder bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$2,625). Stallion bonus: None. Third: BLUEGRASS ATATUDE, by Two Punch. Breeder bonus: Bowman and Higgins Stable, Anthony W. Dutrow and Rebecca Davis (\$1,443.75). Stallion bonus: Two Punch Syndicate (\$721.88). Fourth: JAZZY IDEA, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Merryman (\$787.50). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$393.75).

## Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes

December 17. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 2-year-olds, registered Maryland-breds. 7½ fur. 9 competed. (Closed with 20 nominations.) *The results of this race are under protest, with the outcome to be determined by a Maryland Racing Commission ruling.* Winner: KING AND CRUSADER, by Lion Heart. Breeder bonus: North Highland Farm (\$7,875). Stallion bonus: None. Second: GLIB, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Thornmar Farm LLC (\$2,625). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$1,312.50). Third: JACK'S IN THE DECK, by Love of Money. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (\$1,443.75). Stallion bonus: Love of Money Syndicate (\$721.88). Fourth: ALONGCAMETHEDEVIL, by Gators N Bears. Breeder bonus: CKNPS Breeding (\$787.50). Stallion bonus: Gators N Bears Syndicate (\$393.75).

## Breeder bonuses

At Last Farm LLC—TEN MISSIONS: Dec. 13, 9th race, \$997.50/\$712.50. (\$1,710)  
William M. Backer—GARDEN GATE: Dec. 7, 1st race, \$1,995/\$1,425. (\$3,420)  
Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS LOVE: Dec. 9, 6th race, \$1,795.50. ACCESS TO CHARLIE: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$1,443.75. CLASSIC WILDCAT: Dec. 15, 2nd race, \$1,795.50. INDIAN DANCE: Dec. 3, 8th race, \$2,625. LA REINE'S WAGER: Dec. 10, 4th race, \$1,197/\$855. LONDON LANE: Dec. 3, 8th race, \$787.50. MORE THAN A CRUISE: Dec. 1, 7th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50; Dec. 17, 6th race, \$2,625. (\$18,254.25)  
Bohemia Stable—ALL ABOUT HER: Dec. 16, 4th race, \$1,396.50.  
Bonita Farm—HIDEAWAY MOON: Nov. 30, 8th race, \$1,197/\$855. MR. TIME TO GO: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$1,197/\$855. (\$4,104)  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—COUNT ON LOU: Dec. 15, 4th race, \$2,194.50. JACK'S IN THE DECK: Dec. 17, 8th race, \$1,443.75. (\$3,638.25)  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Brooke Bowman—POLISH DANCE: Dec. 1, 4th race, \$1,197.  
Bowman and Higgins Stable—RESPECTFUL ED: Dec. 13, 4th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman—CONCEALED IDENTITY: Dec. 3, 8th race, \$1,443.75.  
Bowman and Higgins Stable, Anthony Dutrow and Rebecca Davis—BLUEGRASS ATATUDE: Dec. 17, 6th race, \$1,443.75.  
Carey K. Miller Revocable Trust—ISLAND LOVE: Dec. 16, 7th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
Esther Christmas Cassidy—SAY WHISKEY: Dec. 6, 5th race, \$1,695.75.  
CKNPS Breeding—ALONGCAMETHEDEVIL: Dec. 8, 6th race, \$1,425/\$1,995; Dec. 17, 8th race, \$787.50. (\$4,207.50)  
Estate of Hal C.B. Clagett—GOLD CASING: Dec. 17, 1st race, \$1,596. NO CROSSING LANE: Dec. 7, 5th race, \$1,197. (\$2,793)  
Dark Hollow Farm—PLUM: Dec. 17, 6th race, \$7,875.  
Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable—EIGHTTOFASTOCATCH: Dec. 3, 8th race, \$7,875.  
Rebecca B. Davis—TOUCH THE BIRDS: Dec. 15, 8th race, \$3,092.25.  
D.J. Federico—MADDOY'S RAVENS: Dec. 8, 2nd race, \$1,197.  
Fitzhugh LLC—DYLAN RAY: Dec. 7, 7th race, \$1,197. GRUNWALD: Dec. 17, 5th race, \$2,493.75. OFFICER'S HOLIDAY: Dec. 9, 8th race, \$3,092.25. (\$6,783)  
Friends of Brenta LLC—OH WHAT A KNIGHT: Dec. 7, 3rd race, \$1,995/\$1,425. (\$3,420)  
Fred A. Greene Jr. Revocable Trust—HAM AND ERNIE: Dec. 17, 2nd race, \$1,197.  
Green Willow Farms—YES HE DID: Dec. 7, 2nd race, \$2,493.75.  
William R. Harris—SOUTHERN SWEETIE: Nov. 29, 2nd race, \$1,795.50.  
Hillwood Stable LLC—EXPECTANCY: Dec. 14, 9th race, \$1,197/\$855. (\$2,052)  
Estate of Cary W. Jackson—FURMAN BISHOP: Nov. 29, 9th race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75. (\$2,565)  
Carol Kaye and Barbara Smith—BALTIMORE BELLE: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$7,875.  
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—FOOLS IN LOVE: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$787.50.  
Sharon Manzari—SAINT'S SAME SONG: Dec. 10, 6th race, \$1,197/\$855. (\$2,052)  
J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—WALLOWA: Dec. 10, 7th race, \$1,197.  
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—BOWMAN'S BOY: Dec. 9, 5th race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75. (\$2,565)  
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North Highland Farm—KING AND CRUSADER: Dec. 17, 8th race, \$7,875.  
Susanne G. Pearce—CALL OF A LION: Dec. 8, 7th race, \$1,695.75.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—PURELY HOT: Dec. 3, 5th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
Stephen E. Quick—CLASSY DYLAN: Dec. 10, 3rd race, \$997.50/\$712.50. (\$1,710)  
Timothy J. Rooney—MOLLY MOLLY MOLLY: Dec. 2, 3rd race, \$2,194.50.  
Hamilton A. Smith—CULPEPPER COLONEL: Dec. 9, 3rd race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
Sycamore Hall Farm LLC—LOVE'S BLUSH: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$2,625.  
Thornmar Farm LLC—GLIB: Dec. 17, 8th race, \$2,625.  
HARK THE HERALD: Nov. 29, 5th race, \$1,197/\$855. (\$4,677)  
Wirth Brothers—ON BOARD CHARADE: Dec. 7, 6th race, \$2,194.50.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—EDIBLE PETAL: Nov. 29, 3rd race, \$997.50/\$712.50. (\$1,710)

## Owner bonuses

At Last Farm LLC—TEN MISSIONS: Dec. 13, 9th race, \$997.50.  
William M. Backer—GARDEN GATE: Dec. 7, 1st race, \$1,995.  
Sondra D. Bender—LA REINE'S WAGER: Dec. 10, 4th race, \$1,197. MORE THAN A CRUISE: Dec. 1, 7th race, \$2,992.50. (\$4,189.50)  
Blue Streak Stable and Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding LLC—SENIOR QUICKIE: Nov. 30, 6th race, \$2,793.  
Bonita Farm—HIDEAWAY MOON: Nov. 30, 8th race, \$1,197.  
Christine Bricker and Beverly Bower—OH WHAT A KNIGHT: Dec. 7, 3rd race, \$1,995.  
Childs and Childs Stable—TOUCH THE BIRDS: Dec. 15, 8th race, \$3,092.25.  
Dogwood Stable—FURMAN BISHOP: Nov. 29, 9th race, \$1,496.25.  
Fitzhugh LLC—OFFICER'S HOLIDAY: Dec. 9, 8th race, \$3,092.25.  
Hidden Hill Farm—MR. TIME TO GO: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$1,197.  
Hillwood Stable LLC—EXPECTANCY: Dec. 14, 9th race, \$1,197.  
K and N Racing Partnership—ALONGCAMETHEDEVIL: Dec. 8, 6th race, \$1,995.  
Sharon Manzari—SAINT'S SAME SONG: Dec. 10, 6th race, \$1,197.  
Edwin W. Merryman—JAZZY IDEA: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$3,092.25.  
Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.—YES HE DID: Dec. 7, 2nd race, \$2,493.75.  
Morris Stable LLC—PURELY LOVE: Dec. 16, 8th race, \$3,092.25.  
E. Allen Murray Jr.—MISSY KIM: Nov. 29, 1st race, \$1,197.  
Gary Capuano for Non Stop Stable—ISLAND LOVE: Dec. 16, 7th race, \$2,992.50.  
Helen M. Polinger—RESPECTFUL ED: Dec. 13, 4th race, \$2,992.50.  
Stephen E. Quick—CLASSY DYLAN: Dec. 10, 3rd race, \$997.50.  
Toby Roth—MOLLY MOLLY MOLLY: Dec. 2, 3rd race, \$2,194.50.  
Hamilton A. Smith—CULPEPPER COLONEL: Dec. 9, 3rd race, \$2,992.50.  
Kenneth Taylor and Timothy E. Salzman—HARK THE HERALD: Nov. 29, 5th race, \$1,197.  
TB Racing—BOWMAN'S BOY: Dec. 9, 5th race, \$1,496.25.  
Triple Tree Racing Stables—PURELY HOT: Dec. 3, 5th race, \$2,992.50.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—EDIBLE PETAL: Nov. 29, 3rd race, \$997.50.  
**Stallion bonuses**  
BOWMAN'S BAND (Baltimore Belle): Dec. 10, 8th race, \$3,937.50. Bowman's Boy: Dec. 9, 5th race, \$748.13; Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz—\$4,685.63.  
DANCE WITH RAVENS (Classy Dylan): Dec. 10, 3rd race, \$498.75. Maddy's Ravens: Dec. 8, 2nd race, \$598.50. Polish Dance: Dec. 1, 4th race, \$598.50. Touch the Birds: Dec. 15, 8th race, \$1,546.13; Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$3,241.88.  
FANTASTICAT (Wallowa): Dec. 10, 7th race, \$598.50; Fantastical Syndicate.  
GATORS N BEARS (Alongcamedevil): Dec. 8, 6th race, \$997.50; Dec. 17, 8th race, \$393.75. Hark the Herald:

## SPECIAL \$5,000 BONUS PAYMENTS

MSW PAYMENTS (November 28 - December 31, 2011):

Sondra D. Bender; Blue Streak Stable and Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding LLC; Non Stop Stable; Helen M. Polinger; Hamilton A. Smith; Triple Tree Racing Stables.

Nov. 29, 5th race, \$598.50): Gators N Bears Syndicate—\$1,989.75.  
**GO FOR GIN** (Mr. Time to Go: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$598.50): Bonita Farm and Joe Carnacchia.  
**GREAT NOTION** (Glib: Dec. 17, 8th race, \$1,312.50. Jazy Idea: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$1,546.13; Dec. 17, 6th race, \$393.75): Great Notion Syndicate—\$3,252.38.  
**LA REINE'S TERMS** (La Reine's Wager: Dec. 10, 4th race, \$598.50): Bender and Bender LLC.  
**LION HEARTED** (Call of a Lion: Dec. 8, 7th race, \$847.88. Oh What a Knight: Dec. 7, 3rd race, \$997.50): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$1,845.38.  
**LOUIS QUATORZE** (Irish Idol: Dec. 3, 4th race, \$847.88. Missy Kim: Nov. 29, 1st race, \$598.50. Quarters: Dec. 15, 7th race, \$598.50. Southern Sweetie: Nov. 29, 2nd race, \$897.75): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$2,942.63.  
**LOVE OF MONEY** (Jack's in the Deck: Dec. 17, 8th race, \$721.88): Love of Money Syndicate.  
**MEDALLIST** (Culpepper Colonel: Dec. 9, 3rd race, \$1,496.25): Medallist Syndicate.

**MOJAVE MOON** (Hideaway Moon: Nov. 30, 8th race, \$598.50): Mojave Moon Syndicate.  
**NO ARMISTICE** (No Crossing Lane: Dec. 7, 5th race, \$598.50): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.  
**NOT FOR LOVE** (Access Love: Dec. 9, 6th race, \$897.75. Eighttofastocatch: Dec. 3, 8th race, \$3,937.50. Fools in Love: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$393.75. Island Love: Dec. 16, 7th race, \$1,496.25. Love's Blush: Dec. 10, 8th race, \$1,312.50): Not For Love Syndicate—\$8,037.75.  
**ORATORY** (On Board Charade: Dec. 7, 6th race, \$1,097.25): Country Life Farm and Darley.  
**POLISH MINER** (Ham and Ernie: Dec. 17, 2nd race, \$598.50): Polish Miner Syndicate.  
**SCIPION** (Senor Quickie: Nov. 30, 6th race, \$1,396.50): Scipion Syndicate.  
**ST AVERIL** (Saint's Same Song: Dec. 10, 6th race, \$598.50): Maryland Stallion Station and Bradley Thoroughbreds.  
**TWO PUNCH** (Bluegrass Atarude: Dec. 17, 6th race, \$721.88): Two Punch Syndicate.

## Breeder loyalty bonuses

*Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at the Timonium and Laurel fall meets.*

At Last Farm LLC—**TEN MISSIONS**: Dec 13, 9th race, \$712.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,710)  
 William M. Backer—**GARDEN GATE**: Dec 7, 1st race, \$1,425. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,420)  
 Bender and Bender LLC—**LA REINE'S WAGER**: Dec 10, 4th race, \$855. **MORE THAN A CRUISE**: Dec 1, 7th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$7,182)  
 Bonita Farm—**HIDEAWAY MOON**: Nov 30, 8th race, \$855. **MR. TIME TO GO**: Dec 15, 9th race, \$855. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,104)  
 Bowman and Higgins Stable—**RESPECTFUL ED**: Dec 13, 4th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Carey K. Miller Revocable Trust—**ISLAND LOVE**: Dec 16, 7th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 CKNPS Breeding—**ALONGCAMETHEDEVIL**: Dec 8, 6th race, \$1,425. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,420)  
 Friends of Brenta LLC—**OH WHAT A KNIGHT**: Dec 7, 3rd race, \$1,425. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,420)  
 Hillwood Stable LLC—**EXPECTANCY**: Dec 14, 9th race, \$855. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,052)  
 Estate of Cary W. Jackson—**FURMAN BISHER**: Nov 29, 9th race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)  
 Sharon Manzari—**SAINT'S SAME SONG**: Dec 10, 6th race, \$855. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,052)  
 Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—**BOWMAN'S BOY**: Dec 9, 5th race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.—**MISSY KIM**: Nov 29, 1st race, \$855. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,052)  
 William Niarakis and Stephen Sinatra—**SENIOR QUICKIE**: Nov 30, 6th race, \$1,995. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,788)  
 Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—**PURELY HOT**: Dec 3, 5th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Stephen E. Quick—**CLASSY DYLAN**: Dec 10, 3rd race, \$712.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,710)  
 Hamilton A. Smith—**CULPEPPER COLONEL**: Dec 9, 3rd race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Thornmar Farm LLC—**HARK THE HERALD**: Nov 29, 5th race, \$855. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,052)  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—**EDIBLE PETAL**: Nov 29, 3rd race, \$712.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,710)

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## MHIB awards \$21,441 in horse-related grants

The Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) was to present 15 horse-related grants totaling \$21,441 on Jan. 21 at the Horse World Expo in Timonium.

The grants endow therapeutic programs, conservationists, youth clubs, educational and research programs. A summary of the awarded

grants can be viewed on-line at [www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mhib11.pdf](http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mhib11.pdf).

Underscoring both a widespread commitment to horse-associated interests and economic need, the MHIB had received 52 grant applications seeking \$260,000 in aid. Projects were evaluated for their value to the industry, degree

of industry promotion, size and scope of the activity, financial need and quality of written presentation.

The Maryland Feed Fund, established during the 2002 legislative session, provides ongoing funding to promote the horse industry. The refundable \$6-per-ton assessment on equine feed costs

about \$3 per horse annually to the horse owner and supports this grant program and other MHIB promotional, research and outreach activities.

"The equine industry is an integral part of Maryland's cultural and economic heritage," said Buddy Hance, Maryland's secretary of agriculture. "The scope and value of projects that the board evaluated illustrates the demand for these grants, and the Feed Fund continues to make it possible to support more of those requests."

Since 2001, the MHIB has awarded 189 grants exceeding \$218,000.

## Maryland's top 20 earners in 2011

(through December 31)

1. Ben's Cat . . . . . \$588,250	11. Baltimore Belle . . . . . \$168,250
2. Ask the Moon . . . . . 352,160	12. Comet of Love . . . . . 164,410
3. Havelock . . . . . 320,159	13. Wild Jacob . . . . . 153,225
4. Eighttofasttocatch . . . 266,200	14. Cactus Charlie . . . . . 134,820
5. Poseidon's Warrior . . . 244,937	15. Love's Blush . . . . . 119,600
6. Jack's in the Deck . . . . 205,260	16. Brushed by Love . . . . 113,580
7. Sweet Goodbye . . . . . 202,950	17. Art of the Hunt . . . . . 113,190
8. Bold Affair . . . . . 202,020	18. Bessie M. . . . . 111,049
9. Concealed Identity . . . 186,980	19. Glib . . . . . 108,975
10. Not Abroad . . . . . 181,625	20. No Brakes . . . . . 107,555

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## Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on December 31. 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 . . . . .	167	1,144	96	171	\$4,113,670
Lion Hearted . . . . .	154	1,048	84	154	3,480,680
Dance With Ravens . . .	121	941	69	120	2,824,830
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	122	917	64	105	2,147,590
Great Notion . . . . .	48	333	35	64	1,802,090
Rock Slide . . . . .	84	552	41	67	1,640,370
Two Punch . . . . .	77	479	35	60	1,367,220
Outflanker . . . . .	64	441	30	47	1,169,890
Gators N Bears . . . . .	54	314	24	39	927,561
Go for Gin . . . . .	56	357	23	39	628,045
Deputy Storm . . . . .	22	125	15	27	436,797
Seeking Daylight . . . .	31	175	14	20	333,073
Cherokee's Boy . . . . .	17	114	8	11	332,257
Mojave Moon . . . . .	32	186	12	17	308,182
†Scipion . . . . .	15	75	9	13	270,335

### 2-year-old earnings in 2011

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Dance With Ravens . . .	24	108	10	13	\$329,851
†Scipion . . . . .	15	75	9	13	270,335
Outflanker . . . . .	14	58	7	9	249,413
Great Notion . . . . .	7	22	4	6	224,773
Two Punch . . . . .	14	43	2	3	181,453
Not For Love . . . . .	11	38	3	3	139,481
Lion Hearted . . . . .	13	39	5	6	132,718
Gators N Bears . . . . .	11	40	5	5	129,794
Deputy Storm . . . . .	3	12	3	5	81,020
Go for Gin . . . . .	11	43	2	2	63,554

### Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love . . . . .	647	13,515	520	2,084	\$57,306,300
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	927	23,227	768	3,360	54,411,200
Two Punch . . . . .	857	16,344	660	2,467	49,757,600
Polish Numbers . . . . .	439	9,171	362	1,350	32,927,400
Carnivalay . . . . .	494	13,306	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	532	9,753	388	1,273	27,920,900
Waquoit . . . . .	469	11,103	358	1,490	26,263,700
Citidancer . . . . .	296	7,017	254	1,214	25,316,700
Eastern Echo . . . . .	416	8,510	289	1,108	22,441,900
Outflanker . . . . .	321	6,860	251	1,009	20,974,100
Norquestor . . . . .	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Lion Hearted . . . . .	360	5,819	273	834	19,088,300
Deputed Testamony . . .	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Go for Gin . . . . .	298	5,199	188	637	16,876,300
Hail Emperor . . . . .	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500
Wayne County (Ire) . . .	152	2,986	99	343	5,981,780
Mojave Moon . . . . .	149	2,818	104	309	5,418,080
Crowd Pleaser . . . . .	101	1,676	72	222	5,081,260

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch . . . . .	423	1,351	159	198	5,291,730
Not For Love . . . . .	288	916	108	145	5,210,200
Polish Numbers . . . . .	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer . . . . .	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	253	782	78	99	3,102,490
Eastern Echo . . . . .	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker . . . . .	183	757	78	106	2,693,810
Lion Hearted . . . . .	174	576	68	95	2,541,130
Carnivalay . . . . .	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Waquoit . . . . .	198	681	56	81	1,920,960
Norquestor . . . . .	136	508	47	64	1,316,410