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Pimlico Thoroughbred show scores with horses, people

By Muffy Fenwick. Photographs by Carol Fenwick.

Johnny Bosley has spent much of his career involved in Thoroughbred racing, including a long legacy as a rider in the Maryland Hunt Cup and other Maryland timber classics (he won the Hunt Cup aboard *Our Steeplejack* in 1985). For Bosley, "it's always been about the speed." That is why it was a surprise to many spectators at Pimlico's Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show on July 14 to see Bosley in the show ring.

In fact, his entry surprised himself. He partnered with *Derwoodbob*, an off-the-track Thoroughbred. Bob is a strong jumper but "has a funny mouth." The show was a chance to work with his green horse and allow him the chance to showcase his jumping skills and gain more experience for racing over fences at some point. Because Bosley regularly schools Bob, he laughs, "I had to pull myself out from under a rock" to enter the show. He had not been in a show since his days in Pony Club. Nonetheless, the experience was fun and rewarding. While his motives are for Bob's racing future, his horse jumped well and gave him a great time.

Bosley also entered Don Pistorio's *Miss Tuscany*, another first timer at a horse



Johnny Bosley was one of two Maryland Hunt Cup winners (the other was Liz McKnight) to compete in the Totally Thoroughbred Show at Pimlico in July. He partnered with *Derwoodbob* in the 3-foot class.

show. Unlike Bob, *Miss Tuscany*'s performance suggested a future in the ring. She was originally claimed to run in filly/mare hurdle races. However, she bowed and never made it to the races. Instead, she showed promise in the ring and earned ribbons in three classes.

Amy Fenwick, a lifelong equestrian, can empathize with Bosley's apprehensions. While she regularly hunts with the *Mount Carmel* pack and spends most days schooling horses with her children

or teaching young riders in pony camp and at her barn, she rarely enters the show ring. She, too, "begrudgingly" rode her two entries, *Longlasting* and *Bware of the Dark*, in the 3-foot jumper class. She laughed that upon entering the show, she assumed there would be few participants and she could "show up in my blue jeans." She soon discovered that she would be among 120 entries in her class.

The success of the show and the number of entries



Amy Fenwick competed on her hunter Longlasting, a former Holly Robinson trainee. Her 12-year-old daughter Daisy (right) rode the son of Langfuhr in four classes. The red ribbon gave warning to stay clear.



amazed those involved. With more than 800 entries and nearly 300 horses, competition was keen and enthusiasm was infectious. Trainer Lizzie Merryman, who also participated on her horse, Mr. Lover, noted that the show was "a great way to make Thoroughbreds more in demand and get more people excited to give a horse off the track a shot."

Many of the show's participants were first timers and not trained to show. Fenwick's Longlasting and Bware of the Dark are 6-year-old fox hunters she got from trainer Ann Merryman. Despite this inexperience, Bware of the Dark won his 1-foot jumping class and made it to the hack off with 14-year-old Gabby Bernier in the saddle. The Oldfields School ninth-grader had partnered with the horse two summers ago at pony camp.

Longlasting was ridden by Fenwick's 12-year-old daughter, Daisy. She and Gabby are members of the Rising Horsemen Group, a club that allows young riders the opportunity to hunt with different packs. While the girls have some experience in Shetland shows, the Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show was a new experience.

While Daisy said she was "not really nervous" about the show, she is more comfortable riding in hunter trials and paper chases. She

schooled Longlasting before the event and rode him when her mother needed help. The experience was "really fun," especially the opportunity to ride at the track with so many other talented equestrians. She entered the walk/trot, walk/trot/canter, and the 1 and 2-foot jump classes.

Merryman found herself in the show when her own daughter was abroad and unable to ride Mr. Lover, with whom she has had much success showing. Mr. Lover is an "all around horse" Merryman's daughter, Liza, towed to pony camp and rode in Pony Club and in the paper chases.

In Liza's absence, Merryman wanted to give the horse the opportunity to participate in the show. It had been six years since she had ridden in a show, at the time on a green horse in a pony show. Nonetheless, she entered the walk/trot/canter class and the 2- and 3-foot jump classes, earning ribbons for fourth and fifth as well as the Best Turned Out Prize.

Mr. Lover seemed a perfect match for the show and its mission. Claimed at Gulfstream Park several years ago, he tore a tendon training at Fair Hill. He is a fun, quiet, nice horse who moves well but showed no inclination to be a lead pony. However, he proved himself a successful show horse.

Merryman and Bosley echoed the same sentiment. The horses at the show proved that second string racehorses have a chance for another life. While there, Merryman recognized a horse she had bred and was claimed but disappeared from racing. A young girl was proudly showing her, proving that for many of these horses, there is the promise of a nice life off the track.

For all the riders, the experience was truly rewarding. Bosley captured it by saying the experience was "a hoot." Despite his initial reservations, he relented, "I may do a couple more shows." ❧



Former Ann Merryman trainee Bware of the Dark, a race winner at 3, won the 1-foot jumping class with 14-year-old Gabby Bernier aboard.



Trainer Lizzie Merryman rode Mr. Lover, a 4-year-old gelding by Not For Love, to a class placement and was rewarded for best turned out.

Laurel stakes schedule rich with Maryland-bred opportunities

Laurel Park's 2012 fall stakes schedule is filled with a number of lucrative possibilities for registered Maryland-breds. The meet, which kicks off on Sept. 5, offers six \$100,000 stakes restricted to state-breds, plus an additional \$525,000 in purse premiums to be added to open stakes purses.

"Now is a great time to have a Maryland-bred!" said Cricket Goodall, executive director of MHBA. "There are many opportunities to take advantage of this fall. Plus with the two big events on the calendar—Jim McKay Maryland Million Day on Oct. 6 and the Fall Turf Festival on Oct. 27—it will be very lucrative for Maryland-sired horses and Maryland-breds."

Opening day of the fall meet features the \$100,000 Jameela Stakes for registered fillies and mares, 3 & up, going 6 furlongs on the turf. Also on tap will be the All Brandy (fillies and mares, 3 & up, 1½ miles on the turf, Sept. 15), Geisha (fillies and mares,

3 & up, 1 mile, Nov. 22), Jennings Handicap (3 & up, 1 mile, Dec. 1), Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship (2-year-old fillies, 7½ furlongs, Dec. 26) and Maryland Juvenile Championship (2-year-olds, 7½ furlongs, Dec. 29).

Making a return to the calendar is Laurel's Fall Festival of Racing on the last Saturday of October. The card will feature five stakes races on the turf as well as the \$350,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash on the main track. The five turf stakes, which are \$100,000-guaranteed, will be boosted an additional \$50,000 for registered Maryland-bred runners.

All other open stakes throughout the meet will be worth \$125,000-guaranteed for registered Maryland-breds (a \$100,000 base purse plus \$25,000 in Maryland Fund premiums.) Details and the Laurel stakes book can be found at www.laurelpark.com/horsemen/stakes-schedule.

Maryland Racing Media Association scholarship program

Applications for the Maryland Racing Media Association's 2012 scholarship program are being accepted through Sept. 14.

With the support of industry donors and organizations, MRMA has distributed approximately \$30,000 annually to scholarship recipients over the past decade. Those interested in applying must either be backstretch employees, work on a Thoroughbred farm or with an equine vet clinic in Maryland. Submissions need to include an employer's letter of recommendation and a second reference from an individual who is a licensed or recognized member of the Maryland racing industry. Scholarship application forms may be found at www.mdhorsemen.com.

The scholarships will be distributed on the evening of Oct. 13 at MRMA's annual crab feast and awards dinner, to be held in the Carriage Room at Laurel Park.

MRMA will also present its awards that evening, with longtime Maryland owner and breeder Howard Bender to receive the organization's highest honor, the Humphrey S. Finney Award, for lifetime contributions to the Maryland horse racing industry.

Trainer Hamilton Smith and Skeedattle Associates will be presented the Nancy Alberts Achievement Award, given in recognition of achievement for the past year. And receiving the Newsmaker Award will be Maryland Jockey Club racing secretary Georganne Hale, for her work with the creation of the Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show.

Tickets for the crab feast are \$60 apiece, or \$550 for a table of 10. A silent auction of racing memorabilia to help fund the scholarship program will also be conducted.

For tickets, contact Ted Black at (301) 459-4408 or tblack8777@aol.com.



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

AND A CHERRY TREE, by Chief Seattle, b.f., April 3, by Street Magician. R. Larry Johnson.
 BIANCA LOVE, by Bianconi, b.c., February 24, by Cowboy Cal. Robert Gerczak.

CROSS CREEK ROSIE, by Castine, b.f., May 22, by Senior Swinger. Edward Krishack.
 EMERALD N PEARLS, by Rinka Das, b.c., April 5, by Great Notion. Mrs. Janon Fisher III.

FIOR DI CASTAGNA, by Distinctive Pro, b.c., April 14, by Outflanker. Pam Michael.
 GAY, by Jazz Club, b.f., April 1, by Bullsbay. Mrs. Janon Fisher III.
 KINITA, by Northern Baby, b.c., March 8, by Street Magician. Gordonsdale Farm.
 MARIA'S REPLY, by Maria's Mon, b.c., May 5, by Street Magician. Northview Stallion Station.
 MECKE'S QUEEN, by Mecke, b.c., April 5, by Oratory. Dennis Kendall.
 PASSAIC, by Storm Broker, b.c., April 9, by Toccet. Leslie Gerard.
 PASS THE PLATE, by Aaron's Gold, b.f., April 4, by Zanjero. Gordonsdale Farm.
 ROWDY WOMAN, by Fastness (Ire), ch.c., April 21, by Mead-

ow Monster. Susan H. Wantz. Mare to Kodiak Kowboy.
 RUNAWAY PEARL, by Runaway Groom, gr./ro.f., April 5, by Deputy Storm. Earl Barnhart.
 SHIFRA, by Polish Numbers, ch.f., May 12, by Street Magician. Northview Stallion Station Inc.
 SILVER CONCERN, by Concern, ch.c., April 24, by Bop. Susan H. Wantz. Mare to Lewis Michael.
 SPOKEN IN FRENCH, by Oratory, b.f., February 25, by Street Magician. R. Larry Johnson.
 STUTTGART, by Cherokee Run, ch.f., March 20, by American Spirit. Sycamore Hall Farm LLC.
 WINDY STREET, by Street Cry (Ire), b.f., March 6, by Not For Love. Anne Goland.



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



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Richard's Kid powers home in Grade 3 Cougar II Handicap

Preparing for his bid for a third Pacific Classic Stakes-G1, Richard's Kid powered away to a 1½-length victory in the \$100,000 Cougar II Handicap-G3 at Del Mar on July 27. The 7-year-old son of Lemon Drop Kid chased the pace in the opening furlongs of the 1½-mile test, was sent around the frontrunners on the turn for home and went by with relative ease, galloping home in track record time of 2:29.22 over the synthetic surface. It was the second win, and second track record, for Richard's Kid this year, as he also set the mark at Hollywood Park for 1¾ miles on the main track in the Prove It Stakes in June.

Ridden by Rafael Bejarano, Richard's Kid upped his career earnings mark to \$1,986,360 to now rank sixth among the all-time leading Maryland-bred earners, sur-

passing Little Bold John (with \$1,956,405). Richard's Kid is one of five millionaires in the top 10 bred by Robert Meyerhoff.

The Maryland-bred Horse of the Year of 2009 and 2010, Richard's Kid has a record of six wins, two seconds and three thirds in 13 California starts from the barn of trainer Bob Baffert. After taking back-to-back runnings of the Pacific Classic in 2009 and 2010, Richard's Kid spent more than a year in Dubai, with his best finish a fourth in this year's Godolphin Mile-G2. Since his return to the U.S. this spring, the Zabeel Racing International Corp. colorbearer has made three starts, winning twice and finishing second to Game On Dude in the Grade 1 Hollywood Gold Cup.

Colony Club lights up in Monmouth stakes

Twice in her career, Alexandra White's Colony Club has surprised her stakes com-

petition at Monmouth Park. But the second time around was much more stunning than the first, when the daughter of Lion Hearted captured the \$60,000 Klassy Briefcase Stakes by a neck on July 22 at odds of 26-1.

Winless in seven starts—in fact never finishing better than fourth—since recording her first stakes victory in the Fort Monmouth Stakes in June 2011 at odds of 10-1, Colony Club was much closer to the pace this time out. Tracking even-money favorite Inspired through the opening furlongs, she chased the leader through the stretch and got up in the shadow of the wire, with Sounds of the City a nose back in third in the thrilling blanket finish. The final time for the 5½ furlongs over the firm turf course was 1:02.52. Colony Club's lucky backers got a return of \$54.40 on their \$2 investment.

White, who also trains her 6-year-old mare, purchased Colony Club as a yearling for \$7,500 out of the consignment of breeder Bohemia Stable at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale. In getting her sixth victory from 21 starts, Colony Club has now earned \$205,125.

A member of one of the late Allaire duPont's famed broodmare lines, Colony Club is the fourth foal, and only stakes performer, out of the Wild Again mare Wild Shine, an unraced full sister to 2003 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Shine Again. A millionaire who was champion state-bred older mare three consecutive years (2001 to 2003) and champion sprinter twice, Shine Again captured seven stakes, including back-to-back editions of Saratoga's Ballerina Handicap-G1. Wild Shine is also a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Shiny Band.

Wild Shine produced six foals before her death at age 9. Four of her foals are winners, including her last, Punta Sal, a 2008 colt by Aptitude who has earned \$100,370 to date.

Wild Jacob kicks off Bohemia Stable stakes bonanza

Wild Jacob was not only looking to defend his title in Canterbury Park's \$50,000 John Bullit Stakes on July 21, but he was looking for his first win since taking the 2011 edition last August. On an "extreme day" at the Shakopee, Minn., track, which included promotional gimmicks of camel and ostrich races, the 4-year-old got back to his winning ways.

Rated a couple of lengths off the early leaders in the 1¼-mile turf test, Wild Jacob took off in the final sixteenth under Canterbury Park Hall of Fame rider Scott Stevens and won by 2 lengths. The fifth-choice in the field of eight, the blaze-faced bay paid \$13.60 to win as he completed the distance in 1:44.94 over the yielding course.

Stevens, who rode Wild Jacob to a third-place finish in the Brooks Fields Stakes at Canterbury in June, was quick to congratulate owner/trainer Stanley Mankin.

"He's one of the best trainers I've ridden for," Stevens said. "He only has four horses but he takes such good care of them and has them so ready."

A year ago, Wild Jacob completed a three-race win streak when taking the John Bullit, which was his fifth win from eight starts for the season. In four starts at Canterbury Park, the gelding now has a record of three wins and a third. For his career, his record stands at 17-6-2-3, for earnings of \$212,034.

Bred by Bohemia Stable, the son of Eurosilver 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, who is also the dam of the stakes-placed Domestic Dispute filly Star Anna, an earner of \$99,458 to date. The mare's current 3-year-old, a winning Harlan's Holiday filly named

Harlan's Crown, has earned \$50,480.

Let's Coast, bred by the late Allaire duPont, is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed \$195,656-earner Kitty Knight (by Capote). Wild Jacob's third dam, Give a Toast, was purchased by Mrs. 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.

Let's Coast has a yearling filly by Two Punch and produced a colt by Lion Hearted this year for Lana Wright.

Bohemia Stable-breds Colony Club and Wild Jacob have won stakes on the same day in the past, when taking the Fort Monmouth and Prairie Mile Stakes, respectively, on June 4, 2011.


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\$25,000 in horse industry grants available from MHIB

The Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) is accepting grant applications for non-profit research, educational and promotional equine activities. The board intends to award up to \$25,000 in grants that support or develop new opportunities

for Maryland's horse industry. Applications must be received by Oct. 1.

"The Maryland Horse Industry Board works very hard to stimulate growth and opportunity in Maryland's equestrian community. This grant program is one way it

helps spur needed innovation and encourage those most committed to the industry," said Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance.

Funding for the MHIB and its grants come from The Maryland Feed Fund, which collects \$6 on every ton of horse feed sold in Maryland. Since the Fund was established in 2002, MHIB has awarded more than \$200,000 in grants to nearly 200 projects throughout Maryland.

Organizations eligible for MHIB grants include non-profits, clubs and associations, businesses, farms and stables, government entities, schools, and educational institutions. Projects will be evaluated for

their value to the industry, degree of industry promotion, size and scope of activity, financial need, potential for matching funds, benefits and quality of the written presentation. The Board recommends that grant requests not exceed \$3,000, which was the size of the largest grant awarded last year.

Grant recipients will be announced on or before Dec. 1. Funding will be available after Jan. 1, 2013. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2013.

For an application and more complete grant guidelines, see: www.mda.maryland.gov/horseboard/grants.html.

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Maryland's top 20 earners in 2012

(through August 9)

1. Richard's Kid \$269,990	11. Madame Giry \$107,280
2. Poseidon's Warrior . . 241,000	12. Change of Command 106,930
3. Barbecue Eddie. 199,000	13. Universal Language . 104,950
4. Bold Affair. 191,060	14. Not Abroad 103,750
5. Jazzy Idea 164,000	15. Baileys Beach 96,320
6. Midnite Silver. 161,800	16. Havelock 94,975
7. Hello Lover. 151,020	17. Catch a Thief. 93,235
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9. Action Andy 134,800	19. King and Crusader. . . 87,600
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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on August 9. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2012. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	131	618	56	86	\$2,318,720
Dance With Ravens . .	109	583	50	82	2,033,070
Lion Hearted.	96	483	52	75	1,562,360
Two Punch	59	277	27	36	974,416
Outflanker.	54	310	24	39	974,046
Great Notion.	48	214	23	34	967,181
Louis Quatorze.	76	355	23	35	820,338
Rock Slide	63	324	22	27	768,203
Gators N Bears	49	200	20	33	745,493
Go for Gin	39	205	18	24	386,805
Cherokee's Boy.	23	105	12	15	385,703
Scipion	24	116	6	8	294,544
Seeking Daylight	21	119	11	15	286,718
Deputy Storm.	15	68	9	13	242,412

2-year-old earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	8	11	3	3	\$136,059
Scipion	4	10	2	2	96,004
Two Punch	6	16	2	2	79,403
Cherokee's Boy.	5	9	2	2	74,279
Gators N Bears	5	10	1	1	53,765
Deputy Storm.	3	9	2	2	49,840
Dance With Ravens . .	4	8	2	2	39,120
Outflanker.	6	8	1	1	27,170

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	668	14,133	533	2,170	\$59,625,000
Allen's Prospect	927	23,233	768	3,362	54,444,300
Two Punch	875	16,621	674	2,503	50,732,100
Polish Numbers	439	9,190	362	1,355	32,973,400
Carnivalay.	494	13,307	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze.	542	10,108	395	1,308	28,741,200
Waquoit	469	11,144	358	1,492	26,330,400
Citidancer	296	7,030	254	1,217	25,348,200
Eastern Echo	416	8,536	290	1,111	22,505,400
Outflanker.	338	7,170	261	1,048	21,948,200
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Lion Hearted.	372	6,302	288	909	20,650,600
Deputed Testamony . .	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Go for Gin	300	5,404	199	661	17,263,100
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500
Dance With Ravens . .	172	2,236	110	282	6,735,420
Wayne County (Ire) . .	154	3,020	99	343	5,997,610
Rock Slide	143	1,927	92	218	5,777,050

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch	429	1,367	161	200	5,371,140
Not For Love.	296	927	111	148	5,346,260
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze.	256	792	78	99	3,116,980
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker.	189	765	79	107	2,720,980
Lion Hearted.	177	579	68	95	2,548,720
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
Go for Gin	155	499	31	38	941,894
Dance With Ravens . .	93	344	26	32	921,662
Deputed Testamony . .	174	695	38	51	761,008