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Work Force

Racing commission forms Breeding Industry Task Force to provide input, expertise, effort on breeding industry

By Joe Clancy

When Maryland Racing Commission chairman Bruce Quade calls, breeder and commission member David Hayden tells his wife JoAnn to turn off the stove.

"I love his enthusiasm," said Hayden. "He calls me about something, he's ready to get to work on it. But they can be long conversations. He's relentless."

In the fall, Quade frequently delayed dinner time at the Hayden household as he spearheaded the creation of a Breeding Industry Task Force to report to the racing commission. The task force, chaired by Hayden, fellow commissioner Chuck Tilden and Tom Bowman, made its first presentation at the December commission meeting and plans to work hard to represent the state's breeders. In addition to its chairs, the task force consists of Josh Pons, David DiPietro and Jim Dresher. Mostly, the task force was put in place to gather input from the breeding side when it comes to regulations and ways to target spending of the Thoroughbred industry's share of slots revenue. Quade sees it as an asset, especially with the announcement

of the 10-year agreement on racing in the state.

"It is the next logical initiative to best address that side of the house," said Quade. "As a commission, we have to make sure all facets of the industry are involved. Purses are looking pretty good, field sizes are up. It looks like it's starting to work. To keep that going though, we've got to enhance the breeding program. I think the task force will look at all the issues, all the aspects of it, and work with the appropriate parties to figure out what can be done."

In general, additional revenue from slots in the state has stabilized the racing side of the equation. Higher purses have meant bigger fields and more interest in Maryland racing. Owners and trainers from Maryland and beyond benefit from the improvements at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course. Breeders see a need for additional plans targeting the horses born on state farms and produced from the state's stallions. Improve the climate for breeders, they say, and you ensure the foundation of the state's Thoroughbred industry.

Possibilities include restricted racing, purse enhance-

ments, prioritized entries and eligibility, a deeper stakes program, increased bonus programs and more. Hayden wants to see more and better Maryland-breds participating in the state. He wants to encourage owners and trainers to buy Maryland-breds. The task force will address such issues—some short-term, others over time—and provide input to the commission.

Hayden eyes the future, and sees Maryland returning to a position of strength in the region's breeding hierarchy. In the last 10 years, the state has lost ground to Pennsylvania and West Virginia, whose breeding programs benefited from slots revenue. With slots making an impact on Maryland racing, the state's breeding industry is catching up.

"If you don't have horses you can't race and we need to ramp up the number of Maryland-breds," said Hayden. "We need to do something to promote the breeding industry in Maryland, we feel the infrastructure is still here. We'll never be New York because there's so much money involved up there now, but we can be competitive again with

Pennsylvania, with West Virginia.”

Quade relishes the chance to make a difference.

“We’re trying to strengthen Maryland racing rather than simply racing in Maryland,” he said. “Racing in Maryland is races run at a venue in Maryland. Maryland racing on the other hand is the jobs, the farms, the breeders, the horsemen, all of the great history and heritage of Thoroughbred racing in the state.”

The commission routinely gets input on horsemen’s issues, but that can sometimes be limited to the views of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (MTHA), which represents owners and trainers who participate. They’re just part of the equation, however. Input from breeders, considered with input from owners and trainers and further input from the racetracks make for a complete view of the industry.

“The governor and the general assembly stepped up for racing and they gave us the wherewithal to do something,” said Quade, about racing’s inclusion in the slots law. “They established a frame-

Ten-year agreement solidifies racing in state

The Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (MTHA) and Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) announced a 10-year agreement for sustained racing at Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park in mid-December.

“I am confident and pleased via this agreement,” Stronach Group chairman Frank Stronach, who owns Pimlico and Laurel, said in a news release. “We will now have long-term stability, year-round racing and stabling, an attractive purse structure, promise for the breeding industry and a strong foundation to restore Maryland

racing to its pre-eminence in North American racing.”

Maryland Jockey Club president Tom Chuckas thanked Governor Martin O’Malley for his support and the work of racing commissioners John McDaniel and Bruce Quade, the MTHA and MHBA.

The 2013 racing season will feature 146 days of live racing days at the major Maryland tracks, the same number as the previous three years. The MJC will guarantee a minimum of 100 days a year for the balance of the agreement. There are provisions in the contract for the horsemen to race additional

days through a revenue-sharing program.

The deal also calls for Pimlico and Laurel Park to remain open for year-round racing, training and stabling for the balance of the contract. Chuckas indicated Pimlico and Laurel would maintain a minimum of 1,900 stalls. The deal also means the MJC-operated training center at Bowie would close.

Chuckas said the deal “allows the Maryland Jockey Club to invest in capital improvements at both facilities and we plan on submitting a plan to the Maryland Racing Commission and Maryland Department of Budget and Management in February.”

work, now it’s up to us to connect all the moving parts. We’re not moving away from the concerns of the MTHA or any other segment of the industry. The breeders’ part is one of the three legs on the

stool (along with racetracks and owners/trainers).”

Quade does not expect to stop with the breeding task force. With continued health in the industry and a more robust economic model, the

commission chairman hopes to address other areas with special attention too.

Don’t be surprised if your phone rings.

MDA issues nutrient management guidelines

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued new guidelines for farmers and wastewater treatment operations outlining immediate actions necessary to comply with Maryland’s newly revised nutrient management regulations which took effect Oct. 15.

The revised regulations redefine how a farm nutrient management plan is developed and implemented while changing the way organic nutrient sources and other materials are managed. They are

designed to help Maryland meet nutrient reduction goals spelled out in its Watershed Implementation Plan to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

“MDA has implemented a transitional approach to the revised regulations which will allow the 6,000 farmers and hundreds of wastewater treatment operations time to secure the financial and technical resources necessary to comply with the most immediate nutrient management provisions,” said Maryland

Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance.

The new guidelines address the implementation requirements affecting the remainder of the 2012-13 season. The guidelines address three broad areas of nutrient management:

- Nutrient Management Plan Updates
- New Timing Requirements for Fall Nutrient Applications
- Manure Injection or Incorporation Requirements for Winter Applications

Other requirements outlined in Maryland’s revised nutrient management regulations, including the creation of no fertilizer application zones next to waterways, the installation of fencing or other pasture-based best management

practices, and a winter ban on nutrient applications, will take place according to the phased implementation schedule outlined in the revised regulations which are available at www.mda.maryland.gov/pdf/finalnmregs.pdf.

Farmers with questions should contact regional nutrient management specialists or Jo Mercer at (410) 841-5959 or jo.mercer@maryland.gov.

Your vote counts in search for most popular Maryland-breds of 2012!

Who are the most popular Maryland-bred runners of 2012? Your vote will decide, as the Maryland Horse Breeders Association will present awards to the most popular horses to compete in 2012. The "fan favorites" will be recognized along with the

Maryland-bred champions at the MHBA's annual awards dinner this spring.

Online voting is open to everyone, but to be counted, the entire survey must be completed. The divisions will be for most popular state-bred 2-year-old male and 2-year-

old female, 3-year-old male and 3-year-old female, older male, older female, turf runner, sprinter and steeplechaser.

Voting will be open for two weeks (Jan. 16 to Jan. 30) and tabulated through Survey Monkey. Only one submission will be allowed per person.

Information on individual horses will be posted on the MHBA website "Fan Favorites" page.

To access the survey, see marylandthoroughbred.com, the MHBA Facebook page or MHBA Twitter account.

Campus farm of the future at the University of Maryland

By Sara Gavin

In the middle of a bustling, expanding, urban university, the campus farm serves as a small patch of rustic tranquility and a constant reminder of the University of Maryland's heritage as an agricultural college. Now, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is embarking on a mission to turn the unique property into a teaching facility for the future. With help from experts

at Blackburn Architects, the college has developed a Campus Farm Master Plan which it unveiled at a special presentation inside the Riggs Alumni Center Dec. 5.

"The University of Maryland is one of the only land grant universities that has a working farm actually located on its campus," said Cheng-i Wei, dean of the college. "Current national trends and

emerging interests in topics like urban agriculture, buying locally grown products, micro-farming and food security make this the perfect time to invest in upgrading what is already a major asset for our college and university."

Proposed improvements include expanding and renovating structures, creating indoor teaching spaces, streamlining the layout to more efficiently move animals throughout, improving accessibility and increasing the farm's visibility on campus.

Although it sits on just 4.3 acres, the campus farm is used for hands-on instruction in a variety of undergraduate courses offered through the Department of Animal

and Avian Sciences, ranging from livestock management to equine nutrition and small ruminant parturition, affectionately known as "lamb watch" at the university. One of the major goals of the Campus Farm Master Plan is to expand curriculum to better meet emerging agricultural industry trends.

The college is in the process of securing funding to make its vision a reality. In a show of confidence and enthusiasm for the project, Wei announced the college will match any monetary gift donated specifically toward revitalizing the campus farm.

Blackburn has estimated the total renovation could be \$5 to \$7 million.



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS

Bold Affair



Geisha Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 and up. Laurel Park, Nov. 22.

Ch.m., 2008, by Two Punch—Hunka Hunka Lori Z, by Colonial Affair. Bred and owned by Mike Zanella and Charles Reed; trained by Howard E. Wolfendale. Foaled at Green Willow Farms, Westminster, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	9 (6)	2 (1)	2 (2)	\$512,040 (through Nov. 22)

2011: 1st \$200,000 **Jostle S**, 6½ fur., 3-year-old fillies, Parx, June 11; 3rd **Dearly Precious S**, **Miss Preakness S**. **2012:** 1st \$75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 and up, Laurel, March 10; \$75,000 **Primonetta S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 6 fur., fillies and mares,



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3 and up, Pimlico, April 14; \$100,000 **Skipat S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 and up, Pimlico, May 18; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Distaff H**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 and up, sired by eligible

Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 6; \$100,000 **Geisha S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 and up, Laurel, Nov. 22; 2nd **Sweet and Sassy S**.

The race for Maryland-bred Horse of the Year got much hotter as 2012 drew to a close, with divisional leaders proving powerful to the finish.

By early December, four state-bred runners had accounted for five stakes wins in 2012—Action Andy, Ben's Cat, Jazzy Idea and Bold Affair. The latter dominated the \$100,000 Geisha Stakes at Laurel Park on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22.

Bursting from the gate in the 1-mile test for Maryland-bred fillies and mares, Bold Affair was never threatened and crossed the wire 4 lengths in front of Catch a Thief, with Plum third. The top three are all former Maryland-bred champions. They were followed by Access to Charlie, Bayonne, Baltimore Belle and Music Please.

Bold Affair, Chip Reed and Mike Zanella's homebred daughter of Two Punch, garnered state-bred 3-year-old filly championship honors in 2011. She ranked as the richest Maryland-bred distaffer (4 and up) of 2012 through early December, with earnings of \$310,020 from nine starts.

Earlier in the year Bold Affair recorded consecutive victories in Laurel Park's Conner and Pimlico's Primonetta and Skipat Stakes, the latter two against open company. Following a summer break,

she returned in the fall and added the Maryland Million Distaff Handicap in October.

Eighttofasttocatch



Jennings Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-breds, 3 and up. Laurel Park, Dec. 1.

Ch.g., 2006, by Not For Love—Too Fast to Catch, by Nice Catch. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable; owned by Sylvia E. Heft; trained by Timothy L. Keefe. Foaled at Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
37	11 (6)	4 (1)	4 (1)	\$535,430 (through Dec. 1)

2010: 3rd Maryland Million Turf S. **2011:** 1st \$75,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 and up, Laurel, March 26; \$75,000 Japan Racing Association S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1 mi., 3 and up, Laurel, Sept. 10; \$150,000 Maryland Million Classic S, 1½ mi., 3 and up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 1; \$75,000 Jennings H, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 and up, Laurel, Dec. 3; 2nd Joseph French Memorial S. **2012:** 1st \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 and up, Laurel, March 24; \$100,000 Jennings H, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 and up, Laurel, Dec. 1.

Eighttofasttocatch became the fourth horse to win back-to-back runnings of the historic Jennings Handicap when he dominated the 71st running by 5½ lengths at Laurel Park Dec. 1.

The Sylvia Heft colorbearer trained by Tim Keefe led at every pole in the 1-mile \$100,000



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test for Maryland-breds. Allowed to set modest fractions, the son of Not For Love spurted away to lead by 4 lengths after 6 furlongs in 1:12.60 and widened the margin into the stretch. Geared down by Sheldon Russell, Eighttofasttocatch stopped the clock in 1:36.86. Even-money favorite Hello Lover, who came into the Jennings off a three-race win streak, rallied from last to finish second, a half-length over Charge. Completing the order of finish were Albrecht, Concealed Identity, Regal Solo and London Lane.

Eighttofasttocatch won for the first time in five starts since taking the Harrison Johnson Memorial Stakes in March at Laurel. The Jennings was his sixth career stakes

win, and pushed his lifetime bankroll to \$535,430.

Previous back-to-back winners of the race were Resound (1977-'78), Little Bold John (three runnings, 1987-'89) and Include (2001-'02).

Eighttofasttocatch, now 7, was purchased for \$47,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale from breeders Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable. The chestnut is out of the Nice Catch mare Too Fast to Catch, the dam of stakes winner and Grade 1-placed Storm Punch, additional 2012 stakes winner Bayonne, and stakes-placed Southern Man.

Hello Lover was also born at Dark Hollow, 20 days before Eighttofasttocatch.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from October 29 to November 25, 2012.

Smart Halo Stakes

November 3. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 2-year-old fillies. 6 fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 24 nominations.) No Maryland-breds in top five.

James F. Lewis III Stakes

November 10. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 2-year-olds. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 20 nominations.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: AL-

PHA MIKE FOXTROT, by Two Punch. Owner bonus: Larry Knight Jr. (\$2,500). Fourth: None. Fifth: NICE GOING, by Two Punch. Owner bonus: No Guts No Glory Stable (\$750).

Safely Kept Stakes

November 17. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-old fillies. 7 fur. 9 competed. (Closed with 18 nominations.) No Maryland-breds in top five.

Geisha Stakes

November 22. Purse \$100,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 13 nominations.) Winner: BOLD AFFAIR, by Two Punch. Breeder Bonus: Charles J. Reed and Michael Zanella (\$10,500). Stallion bonus:

Two Punch Syndicate (\$5,250). Second: CATCH A THIEF, by Flatter. Breeder Bonus: Elk Manor Farm (\$3,500). Stallion Bonus: None. Third: PLUM, by Pure Prize. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm (\$1,750). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: ACCESS TO CHARLIE, by Indian Charlie. Breeder bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$1,050).

Gin Talking Stakes

November 24. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 2-year-old fillies. 7 fur. 10 competed. (Closed with 27 nominations.) No Maryland-breds in top five.

Breeder bonuses

Arden Acres Ltd.—BOMB DUST: Nov. 2, 1st race, \$2,493.75/\$1,781.25. (\$4,275)
Burt Bacharach—LIST TICKET: Nov. 17, 2nd race, \$3,192.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Beck—SHEA BALLET: Nov. 15, 3rd race, \$1,296.75.
 Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS TO CHARLIE: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$1,050. SECRET PEACE: Nov. 15, 1st race, \$1,496.25. (\$2,546.25)
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Milton P. Higgins III and The Thoroughbred Corp.—THUNDER CHARM: Nov. 8, 5th race, \$1,995.
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT: Nov. 10, 6th race, \$1,750. PUT IT ON ME: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$4,486)
 Susan L. Christiansen—POUNCE INTO SPRING: Nov. 1, 3rd race, \$2,793.
 Dark Hollow Farm—JOY: Nov. 2, 6th race, \$3,790.50/\$2,707.50. PLUM: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$1,750. (\$8,248)
 Rebecca B. Davis—TOUCH THE BIRDS: Nov. 22, 4th race, \$2,934.75.
 David M. DiPietro and Herbert A. May III—JACK ON THE ROCKS: Oct. 31, 5th race, \$2,094.75.
 Elk Manor Farm—CATCH A THIEF: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$3,500.
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman—CROSS MOUNTAIN: Nov. 7, 5th race, \$2,892.75.
 Glade Valley Farms Inc.—THUNDER FEET: Nov. 21, 9th race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
 Green Willow Farms—KOH I NOOR: Nov. 23, 8th race, \$3,990.
 William R. Harris—BREEZY GIRL: Nov. 7, 1st race, \$1,995/\$1,425. (\$3,420)
 Hickory Plains LLC—BILLY CHAPEL: Oct. 31, 2nd race, \$1,995; Nov. 16, 5th race, \$1,995. (\$3,990)
 Hickory Plains and Franklin Smith Sr.—CHARGE: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$3,990.
 Hickory Ridge Farm—MALIBU BEACH BUNNY: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$4,289.25.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel—MONSTER SLEEPING: Nov. 2, 7th race, \$2,793.
 Karl B. Johnson Sr.—SPELLIT: Nov. 23, 3rd race, \$1,496.25.
 Carol A. Kaye—ROCK SLIDE CLASSIC: Nov. 23, 9th race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
 Alvin M. Lapidus—BRIS VISION: Nov. 10, 5th race, \$1,496.25.
 Deborah Lusby-Teague—SCIPABEAT: Nov. 10, 9th race, \$1,296.75.
 Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—MYSTICAL TERP: Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$2,294.25.
 Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc.—FLATTERING: Nov. 14, 9th race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736)
 Gretchen B. Moberley—HEROS REWARD: Nov. 22, 7th race, \$2,394.
 Susanne G. Pearce—CALL OF A LION: Nov. 9, 3rd race, \$2,394.
 Charles Reed and Michael Zanella—BOLD AFFAIR: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$10,500.
 Brice Ridgely—HOT FUN: Nov. 1, 9th race, \$3,790.50/\$2,707.50. (\$6,498)
 Sagamore Farm LLC—SHIRTS AND SHOES: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,995/\$1,425. TINDERBOX: Nov. 8, 9th race, \$1,496.25; Nov. 24, 3rd race, \$1,496.25. WALKWITHAPURPOSE: Nov. 16, 6th race, \$3,990. (\$10,402.50)
 Arnold Smolen—G G'S BUDDY: Nov. 22, 3rd race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
 Thornmar Farm—VIDEO STORM: Nov. 8, 1st race, \$2,194.50.

Owner bonuses

Childs and Childs Stable—TOUCH THE BIRDS: Nov. 22, 4th race, \$2,934.75.
 Susan L. Christiansen—POUNCE INTO SPRING: Nov. 1, 3rd race, \$2,793.
 Country Roads Ltd.—LIST TICKET: Nov. 17, 2nd race, \$3,192.
 Dark Hollow Farm—JOY: Nov. 2, 6th race, \$3,790.50.
 Duck Bread—MONSTER SLEEPING: Nov. 2, 7th race, \$2,793.
 Equine Service Inc.—CROSS MOUNTAIN: Nov. 7, 5th race, \$2,892.75.
 William R. Harris—BREEZY GIRL: Nov. 7, 1st race, \$1,995.

Hot Silks Racing Stable LLC and Carolyn Green—KOH I NOOR: Nov. 23, 8th race, \$3,990.
 Barbara J. Houck—HOT FUN: Nov. 1, 9th race, \$3,790.50.
 Carol A. Kaye and Sherman Chin—ROCK SLIDE CLASSIC: Nov. 23, 9th race, \$1,396.50.
 Danny A. Limongelli—MALIBU BEACH BUNNY: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$4,289.25.
 Donna B. Lockard—PUT IT ON ME: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$1,596.
 Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc.—FLATTERING: Nov. 14, 9th race, \$1,596.
 Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.—SHIRTS AND SHOES: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,995.
 Sagamore Farm LLC—WALKWITHAPURPOSE: Nov. 16, 6th race, \$3,990.
 Kenneth Taylor et al—G G'S BUDDY: Nov. 22, 3rd race, \$1,396.50.
 Team Gaudet—THUNDER FEET: Nov. 21, 9th race, \$1,396.50.
 Tuscany Farm LLC—BOMB DUST: Nov. 2, 1st race, \$2,493.75.
 Walter Vieser II—CHARGE: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$3,990.

Stallion bonuses

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Touch the Birds: Nov. 22, 4th race, \$1,467.38): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.
 DEPUTY STORM (Video Storm: Nov. 8, 1st race, \$1,097.25): Deputy Storm Syndicate.
 FANTASTICAT (Pounce Into Spring: Nov. 1, 3rd race, \$1,396.50): Fantasticat Syndicate.
 GREAT NOTION (Put It On Me: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$798): Great Notion Syndicate.
 LION HEARTED (Call of a Lion: Nov. 9, 3rd race, \$1,197. Mystical Terp: Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$1,147.13): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,344.13.
 M EIGHTY (Bomb Dust: Nov. 2, 1st race, \$1,246.88): Tuscany Farm LLC.
 ORATORY (Monster Sleeping: Nov. 2, 7th race, \$1,396.50. Spellit: Nov. 23, 3rd race, \$748.13): Country Life Farm and Darley—\$2,144.63.
 OUTFLANKER (G G's Buddy: Nov. 22, 3rd race, \$698.25. Jack On the Rocks: Oct. 31, 5th race, \$1,047.38): Outflanker Syndicate—\$1,745.63.
 PARTNER'S HERO (Heros Reward: Nov. 22, 7th race, \$1,197): Partner's Hero Syndicate.
 POLISH MINER (Shea Ballet: Nov. 15, 3rd race, \$648.38): Polish Miner Syndicate.
 ROCK SLIDE (Cross Mountain: Nov. 7, 5th race, \$1,446.38. Rock Slide Classic: Nov. 23, 9th race, \$698.25): Shamrock Farm—\$2,144.63.

SCIPION (Breezy Girl: Nov. 7, 1st race, \$997.50. Scipabeat: Nov. 10, 9th race, \$648.38): Scipion Syndicate—\$1,645.88.

TWO PUNCH (Alpha Mike Foxtrot: Nov. 10, 6th race, \$875. Bold Affair: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$5,250): Two Punch Syndicate—\$6,125.

SPECIAL MAIDEN RACE BONUS PAYMENTS

\$5,000 MSW PAYMENTS (October 29 - November 25, 2012):
 Dark Hollow Farm; Barbara J. Houck.

MAIDEN CLAIMING PAYMENTS (October 29 - November 25, 2012):
 Sherman Chin and Carol Ann Kaye (\$2,000); William R. Harris (\$3,000); Donna B. Lockard (\$2,000); Mary Eppler Racing Stable Inc. (\$2,000); Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. (\$3,000); Kenneth Taylor et al (\$2,000); Team Gaudet (\$2,000); Tuscany Farm LLC (\$4,000).

Breeder loyalty bonuses

Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at the Laurel Fall meet (Oct. 29 through Nov. 25).

Arden Acres Ltd.—BOMB DUST: Nov. 2, 1st race, \$1,781.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,275)
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—PUT IT ON ME: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,736)
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MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Pelican Stakes deja vu for Action Andy

Action Andy started his 2012 season winning Tampa Bay Downs' Pelican Stakes in January, and he concluded it with a win in the track's Pelican Stakes Dec. 8.

Sent off as the 0.90-1 favorite and carrying top weight of 122 pounds, the gelding owned by Robert Gerczak and trained by Carlos Garcia completed the 6 furlongs in a quick 1:09.14, bettering his time from the Jan. 7 edition

by .44 seconds. Allowed by Daniel Coa to contest the pace from the outset, Action Andy took control after a half mile and won easily by 2¼ lengths.

Action Andy came into the race off wins in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash and Maryland Million Sprint Handicap. In 11 starts last year at 5, the son of Gators N Bears recorded seven wins, six in stakes, and earned \$438,760 of his career total \$560,430.

"He's older and he's getting more mature," said Garcia. "He's from the type of

family you have to give time to develop."

Action Andy was bred by Carol Kaye out of the Not For Love mare Love Me Twice, a half-sister to stakes winners Baltimore Belle, Baltimore Bob and Gabianna. From 30 lifetime starts, he has 11 wins, eight seconds and four thirds. He has shown a particular fondness for Tampa, winning six of eight and finishing second in the other two. He also captured the track's Super Stakes last year and set a 6½-furlong track record of 1:15.47.

Ben's Cat relentless in Fabulous Strike at Parx

King T. Leatherbury's home-bred Ben's Cat got his 14th lifetime stakes win by getting up in the final strides to nip Immortal Eyes in the inaugural running of the \$200,000 Fabulous Strike Stakes at Penn National. Contested Nov. 21 at 6 furlongs on the main track, the race drew a stellar field of sprinters and was completed in 1:09.50.

Ben's Cat paid \$13.80 as the fifth choice in the nine-horse field. Grade 1 winner Poseidon's Warrior finished strongly but came up three-quarters of a length short to place third.

The 2011 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, Ben's Cat was as effective last year at 6, as the son of Parker's Storm Cat won five stakes and amassed \$557,060 (through early December). With 19 wins, three seconds and a third in 29 lifetime starts, he has earnings of \$1,357,290, 11th on the all-time Maryland-bred list.

Delaunay continues stakes-winning roll

Delaunay got his third stakes win in a row, and won for the seventh time in 11 starts in 2012, by taking the Thanksgiving Handicap at Fair Grounds on the track's opening day holiday card on Nov. 22. The now 6-year-old gelding, bred by Fitzhugh LLC and racing in the colors of Maggi Moss, went off the 3-2 favorite and repelled Gantry by 2½ lengths. The Tom Amoss trainee stopped the

clock in 1:08.95, less than a second off the 6-furlong track record. Less than three weeks earlier, Delaunay captured the Bet On Sunshine Stakes at Churchill Downs.

The son of champion sprinter Smoke Glacken and stakes winner Perilous Night (by Coronado's Quest) was fourth or better in all his starts in 2012 (through early December), and more than doubled his career earnings during the year, which stand at \$404,455 from 36 starts.

I Stand Alone never headed in Zia Park stakes

I Stand Alone, a son of Northview Stallion Station's Dance With Ravens, was much the best in Zia Park's 1-mile \$55,000 Rio Rancho Overnight Stakes for 2-year-olds Dec. 2. Breaking in stride, the dark bay owned by Roger K. Beasley and trained by H. Ray Ashford Jr. was clear at every call and crossed the wire ¾ lengths on top. He recorded his second win in seven starts, and increased his earnings to \$65,601.

Bred by the Bowman family (Tom and Chris Bowman and daughters Quin Bowman and Becky Davis), I Stand Alone is out of the Lemon Drop Kid mare Otherwise Perfect. He is a half-brother to Friscan (by Two Punch), who was graded stakes-placed as juvenile in 2011, and is from a female family that has made headlines in the state since the 1980s.

I Stand Alone's third dam, Allegedly, a daughter of Hoist the Flag, was a half-sister to two-time Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-G1 winner and major sire Alleged. She produced three Maryland-bred stakes winners for breeder H. Turney McKnight—European group winner Per Quod, graded winner Suspect Terrain and Supposedly, the latter bred in partnership with Tom and Chris Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III, among others. The partners also bred Supposedly's older full-sister and I Stand Alone's second dam, Krysia, a winning daughter of Polish Numbers.



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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on December 11. 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	149	1,037	80	150	\$4,301,550
Dance With Ravens . .	130	983	68	128	3,388,330
Lion Hearted.	109	758	63	108	2,290,890
Outflanker.	63	507	36	65	1,740,260
Two Punch	67	471	38	61	1,639,310
Great Notion.	54	334	33	53	1,638,040
Gators N Bears	57	333	27	52	1,391,720
Louis Quatorze.	91	576	34	58	1,328,400
Rock Slide	78	512	34	45	1,163,940
Cherokee's Boy.	27	176	15	25	704,170
Scipion	32	216	15	24	687,039
Go for Gin	43	305	23	30	525,376
Deputy Storm	20	131	12	19	392,302
Seeking Daylight	23	156	12	19	380,903

2-year-old earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	20	55	9	13	\$581,888
Scipion	9	39	5	7	318,504
Cherokee's Boy.	8	40	4	7	273,928
Dance With Ravens . .	20	59	7	8	245,865
Two Punch	11	50	4	6	210,023
Outflanker.	9	39	4	4	158,283
Gators N Bears	10	38	3	3	123,395
Deputy Storm	5	28	3	4	120,990
Great Notion.	9	27	4	4	87,316
Louis Quatorze.	9	26	2	2	61,200

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	682	14,552	548	2,234	\$61,607,800
Allen's Prospect	927	23,238	768	3,362	54,445,000
Two Punch	882	16,815	683	2,528	51,396,900
Polish Numbers	439	9,196	362	1,358	33,008,100
Carnivalay.	494	13,307	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze.	550	10,329	399	1,331	29,249,300
Waquoit	470	11,165	358	1,493	26,363,300
Citidancer	296	7,031	254	1,217	25,348,400
Outflanker.	345	7,367	268	1,074	22,714,400
Eastern Echo	416	8,550	290	1,113	22,527,400
Lion Hearted.	378	6,577	293	942	21,379,200
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Deputed Testamony . .	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Go for Gin	303	5,504	202	667	17,401,700
Dance With Ravens . .	191	2,636	121	328	8,090,680
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	308	970	117	157	\$5,732,090
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	5,629,410
Two Punch	434	1,400	163	204	5,501,760
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze.	262	806	79	100	3,154,570
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker.	192	793	82	110	2,842,830
Lion Hearted.	180	591	70	97	2,596,610
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
Dance With Ravens . .	109	391	30	37	1,081,260
Go for Gin	157	511	32	39	972,214