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MHBA gets new home in historic Reisterstown

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association will move to a permanent home at 321 Main Street in historic Reisterstown. The MHBA has had offices in Baltimore County since its founding in 1929. This area is home to many horse-related activities, including the Maryland Hunt Cup, Maryland Grand National, the Green Spring Hunt Club and Shawan Downs.

The MHBA has been searching for a location to house the offices of the association, Maryland Million Ltd., *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazine and the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation. The offices have most recently been on the campus of Goucher College in hopes of being a part of a new equestrian facility on campus. However, last fall the college decided to put several capital projects on hold indefinitely, prompting the MHBA to pursue a permanent solution.

The stately Reisterstown building is a 15-minute drive from the famed Sagamore Farm and just more than 20 minutes from Pimlico Race Course. The building comprises approximately 7,000 square feet that will eventually feature a library and memorabilia area, in addition to meeting rooms.



"The acquisition of this historic building ends our organization's search for a suitable home which has extended over the last decade. It will allow the MHBA to better serve our members and the general equine community, in line with our mission and in the best long-term fiscal interest of our organization," says Michael Harrison, MHBA presi-

dent. "I like to thank all those who've worked so diligently to achieve this momentous goal."

The building is just minutes from Baltimore's beltway (I-695) and the Northwest Expressway (I-795), and has plenty of convenient, free parking for visitors and staff. The plan is for the staff to move in by July 1.

Maryland-bred registration extended

The Maryland-bred registration deadline for yearlings of 2020 has been extended to Tuesday, June 30.

To register your Maryland-bred yearling online, go to marylandthoroughbred.com.

Miss Disco, Iron Maiden flew Maryland flag with distinction

By Cindy Deubler

Longtime racing writer and Maryland Horse contributor Joe B. Hickey Jr., who would later become general manager of Windfields Farm, was often compelled to sift through the archives of the magazine and highlight the careers of Maryland-bred runners. In 1958, he decided to "broach the task of compiling a permanent and concise tabulation of modern-day Maryland-bred stakes winners and their successes. . ." and researched those who won stakes from 1940-57. The year 1940 was chosen as a point of demarcation as it was the first year the Stakes Winners Supplement was printed by The Blood-Horse magazine, which aided in the research. Hickey noted his tabulation was "as correct and as complete as available records permit." The following chronicles two of the 172 Maryland-breds on the list, and what they accomplished after their racing careers.



Sagamore Farm-bred Miss Disco left her mark on the breed.

Miss Disco. Iron Maiden. The names are ingrained in racing lore. But in 1947 these two Maryland-bred runners, competing on opposite coasts, had yet to win a stakes.

Iron Maiden was older by three years. Based in California and racing in the name of Ellwood B. Johnston, the 6-year-old mare had returned to the track after delivering a foal in 1946. A daughter of War Admiral, Iron Maiden was a modest winner at 2 and 3, earning \$8,065 from 19 starts. She launched her racing career for her breeder, movie mogul Louis B. Mayer, and counted among her wins in his colors an allowance at Aqueduct June 10, 1944. Two races later on that same card Brownie, Bossuet and Wait a Bit made history by finishing in a triple

dead heat in the Carter Handicap. A decade later the bay filly would make headlines of her own.

Miss Disco was bred by Alfred Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm and sold as a yearling in 1945 at the Meadow Brook sale on Long Island in August for \$2,100, tied for the sixth least expensive of the 14-horse consignment. Pre-sale notes described her as "a very nice filly, tall, rangy, a good walker with straight hind leg. Had a kick in the flank in front of the point of the hip which is healing well and does not affect the filly's soundness."

Racing for her buyer, Sydney Schupper, Miss Disco won twice at 2 and achieved stakes success the following August.

Sprinting proved to be her strength. Although a daughter

of the stout and longwinded Discovery, the filly out of the Pompey mare Outdone (one of Vanderbilt's first stakes winners) captured the 7-furlong Test Stakes at Saratoga for her first stakes score, and added three stakes wins at 4, including the New Rochelle and Interborough Handicaps at 6 furlongs.

Iron Maiden won going short early in her career, but recorded her first and only stakes win against males in the Del Mar Handicap at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles in September 1947. She was stakes-placed at 7 in the Vanity and San Diego Handicaps, also at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles. In the two years following her two-year hiatus, she made 42 starts and was on the board 22 times. She retired with earnings of \$52,590 from 61 starts.

Miss Disco raced through age 6, earning \$80,250 from 54 starts with 10 wins, three seconds and 10 thirds, and was sold privately to Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps' Wheatley Stable. By the time she retired, her year-younger full-brother Loser Weeper, racing for Vanderbilt, had won nine stakes, including the Suburban, Vosburgh, Metropolitan and Dixie, and earned \$232,920.

Iron Maiden's circuitous route began in Maryland for the sole reason that her dam Betty Derr was sent to William Brann's Glade Valley Farm in Frederick to be bred to *Challenger II. Betty Derr did not produce a foal the next year,

but Iron Maiden was officially a Maryland-bred.

Mayer sold Iron Maiden in October of her 3-year-old season to breeder W.W. "Tiny" Naylor. The 6-foot-4, 300-pound Naylor, famous for his family-style restaurants and drive-in diners throughout California, had purchased Iron Maiden in a spur-of-the-moment deal, sight unseen. He paid \$7,500 for the filly, raced her a few times, and decided to breed her during the racing blackout in 1945. He sent her to Mayer's stallion *Beau Pere—the filly born the next year was Iron Reward.

Naylor recalled in a 1955 interview that he sold Iron Maiden to Johnston for \$12,000, and her daughter, Iron Reward, to Rex Ellsworth for \$15,000. Iron Reward never won in eight starts, but produced as her first foal Ellsworth's future Kentucky Broodmare of the Year Track Medal (by *Khaled), the dam of four stakes winners. Iron Reward's third foal was a full-brother to Track Medal, Hall of Famer Swaps. The 1956 Horse of the Year and champion handicap horse won the 1955 Kentucky Derby and became a leading sire. Iron Reward also became a Kentucky Broodmare of the Year.

While making 20 starts at age 7 in 1948, Iron Maiden was in foal to *Old English (the resulting foal, the gelding Iron Monocle, failed to win in 10 starts). Johnston, the founder of Old English Rancho in the 1940s, then sold Iron Maiden to Calumet Farm. In 1950 the mare produced her first of four foals sired by Calumet's champion stallion Bull Lea.

Miss Disco and Iron Maiden were now based in Kentucky, broodmares in the hands of two of the most dominant breeding operations in the world. In 1957, their worlds collided.

Miss Disco produced 11 foals in all. Her first, in 1951, was the winning Rosemont filly Hill Rose (dam of multiple stakes winner True North); the last an unraced colt by Nadir named Great Adventure in 1965. Of her other foals, six were by *Nasrullah—all were



Jerry Frankoff

Miss Disco's son Bold Ruler speeds away to victory in the 1957 Preakness Stakes over Kentucky Derby winner Iron Liege, a son of Iron Maiden, to complete the exacta for the Maryland-bred stakes-winning, classic-producing mares.

winners, three in stakes and one stakes-placed. The best became one of the greatest names in Thoroughbred history, Bold Ruler.

Born in 1954, Bold Ruler won three stakes at 2, including the Futurity at Belmont Park. Fiery and fast, he was Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old in a year he won nine stakes, topped by the Preakness. The following year he was champion sprinter.

A member of what many racing historians consider the best crop in Thoroughbred history, Bold Ruler battled *Gallant Man, Gen. Duke, Round Table and Iron Liege on a regular basis. The latter was Iron Maiden's sixth foal.

In his first 16 starts, Bold Ruler was the favorite in 14, including the Kentucky Derby. He finished ahead of Iron Liege three times in Florida, races that produced epic battles with Calumet Farm's early Derby favorite, Gen. Duke. Bold Ruler won the Bahamas and Flamingo, Gen. Duke the Everglades and Florida Derby. Iron Liege was third in the latter three.

Iron Liege was still seeking his first stakes win when he

lined up for the Kentucky Derby. Calumet Farm was down a weapon when Gen. Duke was scratched the morning of the race because of a stone bruise, which trainers Ben and Jimmy Jones tried to nurse during the week. Without his stablemate, Iron Liege went off at 8-1.

However, he already had a strong following, due in large part to a fortuitous event that began just after midnight on March 10, 1954. Gerald Astor, photo editor for an as-yet untitled "new weekly sport magazine," and famous nature photographer Ylla were ready to follow the birth of a foal at Calumet. The next mare up was Iron Maiden, and the birth of Iron Liege was photographed and documented, as was his upbringing over the next three years, in *Sports Illustrated*. The headline in the Feb. 25, 1957, issue of *Sports Illustrated* said it all: "The Baby Started at 9,066 to 1" as Iron Liege was pointing to the Derby.

In one of the most famous runnings of the Derby, Iron Liege gained the lead turning for home and fought off *Gallant Man down the stretch. The two raced as a team to the wire when Bill Shoemaker on

*Gallant Man misjudged the finish line and briefly stood up; Shoemaker immediately went back to riding but Iron Liege and Bill Hartack held off *Gallant Man to win by a nose. Round Table got up for third as Bold Ruler finished fourth.

In Baltimore, the two sons of Maryland-bred mares faced each other once again in the Preakness. The slight second choice behind Iron Liege, Bold Ruler dominated, leading at every call and winning by 2 lengths over Iron Liege in second. Bold Ruler would come back to contest the Belmont Stakes, finishing third behind *Gallant Man, then win 11 of his remaining 14 starts.

Iron Liege bypassed the Belmont while scoring the Jersey Stakes at Garden State, Laurance Armour Memorial at Arlington Park and Sheridan Handicap at Washington Park that season; he added a win in Hialeah's McLennan Handicap at 4 before retiring with a record of 33-11-9-5 and earnings of \$404,169.

Bold Ruler won 17 stakes, boasted a record of 33-23-4-2 and banked \$764,204. He was inducted into the National

Racing Hall of Fame in 1973. The nation's leading sire eight times, his 11 champions were led by Secretariat. A renowned sire of sires, Bold Ruler's direct descendants won seven Kentucky Derbies in the 1970s, and the line continues. Recent Derby winners California Chrome and Orb are from the Bold Ruler male line through Seattle Slew and A.P. Indy.

Iron Liege never stood in the U.S. after legendary French breeder Marcel Boussac purchased him to stand at his Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard. A decade later Iron Liege was sold to Japan, and although he is considered a failure at stud, he did sire the top-class Japanese runner Strong Eight.

Iron Maiden produced 12 foals, had seven winners from 10 starters, and three stakes winners, the others being Iron Liege's older full-brother Trentonian, a three-time stakes winner at 2 in 1954; and Aczay (by On-and-On), her final foal born in 1964 when she was 23. But Iron Maiden's achievement as dam and granddam of two Kentucky Derby winners in three years continues to rank as one of the rarest feats in breeding history. 🐾



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

ANOFFICERANDALADY, by Officer, b.c., April 5, by Shaman Ghost. Thornmar and Colleen Torsney. Mare to Uncle Lino.

BANG AWAY, by Sky Mesa, b.c., April 8, by Hoppertunity. Thornmar.

BECKON THE QUEEN, by Ghazi, ch.f., April 20, by Irish War Cry. David Krasnoff.

BELLE OF CAMDEN, by Black Tie Affair (Ire), ch.c., March 12, by Shackelford. Alice Edwards. Mare to Blofeld.

BLUSHING BRIDE, by Miesque's Son, b.f., April 25, by Karakontie (Jpn). John Banner and Cheri Banner.

BOMBSHELL BABE, by Domestic Dispute, b.c., March 29, by Peace and Justice. Joe M. Thomson.

BROKEN TREATY, by Chief Seatle, b.c., April 27, by Bourbon Courage. Clover Hill Farm Inc. Mare to Hoppertunity.

CAMPAIGN VOWS, by Broken Vow, dk.b./br.f., April 13, by Blofeld. Wasabi Ventures Stbs LLC and Greenspring Mares. Mare to Force the Pass.

CELTIC MUSIC, by Yarrow Brae, dk.b./br.c., March 30, by Blofeld. Murmur Farm. Mare to Hangover Kid.

DISTINCT AFFAIR, by With Distinction, b.c., April 10, by Holy Boss. Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox.

DIVA MEG, by Exchange Rate, dk.b./br.f., Feb. 28, by Blofeld. Murmur Farm. Mare to Blofeld.

D K'S BRIGANTIA, by Warrior's Reward, b.c., March 23, by Bandbox. Timothy L. Keefe and M.O. M. Stable.

DWELLING PLACE, by Forest Camp, b.c., March 11, by Great Notion. Pinochle Partners. Mare to Blofeld.

EL VEDADO, by Big Brown, b.f., March 16, by Point of Entry. Big Lick Farm.

GLIMPSE, by Touch Gold, dk.b./br.f., March 30, by Midnight Lute. Thornmar. Mare to Midshipman.

GO GET'M IRISH, by Kitalpha, dk.b./br.c., March 30, by Blofeld. Charles Blanford.

GOLDEN INNIS, by Yarrow Brae, dk.b./br.f., April 2, by Blofeld. Murmur Farm.

HAPPY HAILEY, by Rock Slide, ch.f., April 9, by Golden Lad. George Louis Doetsch Jr. Mare to No Never No More.

IRISH GAL, by Cape Blanco (Ire), b.f., April 13, by Barbados. James B. Steele.

KISS THE PRINCESS, by Any Given Saturday, b.c., April 8, by Astern (Aus). Thornmar. Mare to Golden Lad.

LIONHEART CHAMPION, by Lion Heart, b.c., Feb. 25, by Klimt. Marathon Farms Inc.

MARZES, by Powerscourt (GB), b.c., April 11, by Outflanker. James B. Steele.

MISS ADELE, by Speightstown, b.f., March 21, by Oscar Performance. George Louis Doetsch Jr. Mare to Mendelsohn.

MISS CHARLOTTE, by Two Punch, gr./ro.f., March 21, by Include. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC and Greenspring Mares. Mare to Mor Spirit.

MISS NOSY, by Louis Quatorze, dk.b./br.f., April 20, by Blofeld. MCA Racing Stable LLC. Mare to Biblical.

MISS SUWANEE, by Mr. Greeley, b.f., Feb. 13, by Hangover Kid. Bruce Grossman.

MISSTREATED, by Dehere, b.c., April 13, by Mr Speaker. Richard J. Hackerman.

MONSTER SLEEPING, by Oratory, b.c., Feb. 28, by Blofeld. Charles Reed. Mare to Summer Front.

MOTHERLOAD HIPSTER, by Dance With Ravens, dk.b./br.c., April 8, by Holy Boss. Dr. Ronald Harris Parker. Mare to Imagining.

MY GOLDEN BELLE, by My Golden Song, b.c., Feb. 11, by Twirling Candy. George Louis Doetsch Jr. Mare to The Factor.

ONEMINUTETOMIDNITE, by Street Cry (Ire), b.c., April 10,

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Sara Gordon

Colt by Mizzen Mast, foaled at GreenMount Farm, is the first foal for the Elusive Quality mare Super Mama.



Sara Gordon

Taking in the action at Marama Farm is Golden Lad's daughter out of Happy Hailey (by Rock Slide).



Erin Harrison

Mr Speaker colt is out of \$523,531-earner Warrioroftheroses's half-sister Misstreated.



George Adams

Great Notion—Wild for Love filly descends from stakes winners Sticky and Hair Spray.

by Uncle Lino. Thornmar. Mare to Bourbon Courage.

ONEMORETIMEAGAIN, by Love of Money, b.c., April 20, by Divining Rod. Clover Hill Farm Inc.

PARADE OF COLORS, by Leading the Parade, b.f., March 26, by Mosler. John E. Williamson III. Mare to Divining Rod.

PARTICIPATE, by Include, dk.b./br.c., April 20, by Irish War Cry. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Jeff Musgrove and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Force the Pass.

PEACHES MY DEAR, by Express Tour, b.f., March 13, by Great Notion. Pinochle Partners. Mare to Force the Pass.

ROCKPORT DANCER, by Rockport Harbor, ch.c., April 4, by Macho Uno. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Steven Crayne, Connie Black, Clarence Diehl, Larry Davis, Mike Yeager and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Jimmy Creed.

RYSY, by Langfuhr, b.c., April 8, by Goldcents. Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC.

SAUCY COUNTESS, by Tabasco Cat, dk.b./br.c., April 2, by Outflanker. Little Man Farm. Mare to Outflanker.

SCOUTS OUT, by Lion Hearted, b.c., April 4, by Blofeld. William Fossett.

SEEKING OPTIONS, by Seeking Daylight, b.f., April 11, by Speightster. Winners Circle Partners VIII.

SOME KINDA LOVE, by Not For Love, gr./ro.c., April 5, by Blofeld. Thornmar. Mare to Great Notion.

SOUTHERN PEACH, by East of Easy, ch.c., April 7, by Golden Lad. Leaf Stable.

STARR GATE, by Mineshaft, dk.b./br.f., April 16, by Golden Lad. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Connie Black, Kyle Scribner and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Force the Pass.

SUPER MAMA, by Elusive Quality, gr./ro.c., March 19, by Mizzen Mast. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Christopher Boyd, Jonathan Barnes, Craig Meltzer, Michael Dzik and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Demarchelier (GB).

TACONIC VICTORY, by Eddington, ch.c., April 10, by Dortmund. Tori Martinez deVries and Broad Creek Bloodstock LLC.

TATTOOED GIRL, by More Than Ready, b.c., April 8, by Golden-

cents. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Golden Lad.

TIZ EMILY AND JILL, by Tiz Wonderful, ch.c., April 1, by Irish War Cry. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Mike Yeager, Stephen Sedmak, Connie Black and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Force the Pass.

TIZ MAJESTY, by Tiz Wonderful, b.f., March 3, by Blofeld. Brian McFarlane.

UNIFORMLY YOURS, by Grand Slam, b.c., April 12, by Kitten's

Joy. George Louis Doetsch Jr. Mare to More Than Ready.

UNTILTHEREWASYOU, by Big Brown, b.c., March 22, by Outwork. Thornmar. Mare to Force the Pass.

WILD FOR LOVE, by Not For Love, b.f., March 11, by Great Notion. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Gregory Caliwig and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Maximus Mischief.

Foals Wanted

Send your foal reports and photographs of 2020 foals for inclusion on the Maryland Horse Breeders Association website and *The Maryland Horse* newsletter.

Email information to
cdeubler@marylandthoroughbred.com.

Submissions may also be made on the MHBA website at
MarylandThoroughbred.com/foalreport.

Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program canceled

The fourth Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program, scheduled for June 8-13, has been canceled for 2020.

"Given the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, we have decided to suspend the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program for 2020," said program coordinator Jordyn Egan. "This decision was not made lightly and we look forward to resuming the program in 2021. In the meantime, interested candidates are welcome to reach out to discuss alternative opportunities for the upcoming year."

Launched in 2017, the MTCP is an educational program presented by the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation that aims to:

- Increase awareness of the diverse career options in the Thoroughbred industry.
- Give participants access to leaders of the Maryland Thoroughbred community.
- Highlight various paths for pursuing a career in the Thoroughbred industry.
- Address a critical need to attract and retain experienced and devoted employees.

Over a week, participants are encouraged to fully engage in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry and explore a multitude of career options. Graduates of the MTCP are eligible to apply for Career Development Funds, which can be used to further career pursuits within two years after the program ends.

Maryland-breds noted in catalog at Keeneland

Registered Maryland-breds selling at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale (Monday, Sept. 14 through Saturday, Sept. 26) will now be noted as such (versus foaled in Maryland).

Maryland-breds registered with the MHBA by June 15 will automatically have the notation on their catalog page. Contact the MHBA office with questions or more information.



Distinct Affair's son by Holy Boss is from the family of Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1 winner Our New Recruit.



Irish War Cry colt is the first foal for Tiz Emily and Jill, a winning granddaughter of Lakeway.



The first foal for stakes-placed Rockport Dancer (Rockport Harbor) is a colt by Macho Uno.

Erin Harrison

George Adams (2)