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2008 Maryland-bred Champions

*Horse of the year
Steeplechaser*

GOOD NIGHT SHIRT

*Ch.g., 2001, by Concern—Hot Story, by Two Punch.
Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; owned by Sonny and Ann Via;
trained by Jack Fisher. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown.*



TOD MARKS

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association named a steeplechase champion back in 1962. The honor went to Hunter's Rock. Through the years, other Maryland-bred jumping stars included Jay Trump, Inkslinger, Tuscalee, Life's Illusion and Double

Reefed. They won major races, made history overseas, dazzled aficionados of the “up-and-over” set – but they never did this.

Good Night Shirt, Maryland’s champion steeplechaser for the third consecutive year, also won the Horse of the Year title with a 2008 performance that left many grasping for descriptions. Five starts. Five Grade 1 wins. A second consecutive Eclipse Award. A single-season earnings record. Tops (by more than \$100,000) on the earnings list of all Maryland-breds.

“If a steeplechase horse is ever going to get it, he’s the horse and 2008 is the year,” said Dr. Tom Bowman, the champion’s co-breeder with wife Chris. “He did everything he could do, and nobody else did enough.”

Bowman said that well before he knew the results of the official balloting, in which ‘The Shirt’ outpointed Heros Reward, 87-69. No other horse amassed more than 13 points in a 5-3-1 system.

Annually among the state’s leading breeders (and represented as co-breeders of 1998 Horse of the Year Tenski), the Bowmans do not have a steeplechase division. Good Night Shirt went through the same program as all other Thoroughbreds at Dance Forth (Chestertown) and Roland (Chesapeake City) farms.

Matings get planned by factoring bloodlines, conformation, budget and the other variables breeders consider. A steeplechase career was not the goal – it rarely is for any Thoroughbred – but the son of Concern and the Two Punch mare Hot Story found his calling and now stands third in career earnings among North American steeplechasers with \$934,493.

Tom Bowman marveled at the improbability of it all.

“Most of the successes you have in this game are, at best, happenstance, and many of them are absolutely accidental,” he said after watching Good Night Shirt win the \$250,000 Grand National in October. “All the plotting, planning and thinking you do, and many of the successes, come out of left field. It’s humbling; it kind of lets you know that you’re not as bright as you might think you are.”

Named after a saying by Tom Bowman’s grandmother, Good Night Shirt at first followed the arc of other Bowman horses, growing up on the farm, likely destined for the sales ring. Auxiliary plans were considered, as always, and needed in the case of Good Night Shirt: The strapping chestnut flew right past auction (he was too big, too unfashionable, too immature) and wound up doing everything about a year late.

Suzanne Moscarelli did his early training and her son, Vinnie, had the horse at Fair Hill Training Center early in his 3-year-old season (2004). Purchased by Sean Clancy and Lizzie Merryman, who liked his stride, his size, his presence and his potential “out” as a steeplechase prospect, Good Night Shirt joined Merryman’s barn at Fair Hill and embarked on a flat career.

He won back-to-back starts on the Pimlico turf in 2004 but was still a two-other-than at season’s end. Clancy and Merryman enacted a backup plan and sold the horse as a steeplechase prospect to trainer Jack Fisher and owner Sonny Via.

Based in Butler, Md., Fisher unveiled the 4-year-old hurdler in April 2005. Since then, it’s been nothing but upward momentum. Good Night Shirt won twice that first year, became a stakes winner in 2006, and took his first Eclipse Award with three Grade 1 wins in 2007.

In 2008, he raised the bar again, winning Grade 1 starts in April, May, September, October and November. Ridden throughout by Willie Dowling, the gelding finished his 7-year-old campaign with \$485,520 and victories in the Georgia Cup, Iroquois, Lonesome Glory, Grand National and Colonial Cup. He won the first four starts by nearly

14 lengths combined and really proved his mettle in the fifth – a two and three quarter-mile classic run at Springdale Race Course in Camden, S.C., since 1970. Pressured by fellow Maryland-bred Preemptive Strike, Good Night Shirt won a stretch battle by a neck, hammering home his class.

The performance “proves that he’s a fighter too when they throw it to him,” said Dowling. “[Preemptive Strike] took it to me and made me work, but ‘The Shirt’ is a special kind of horse.”

Good Night Shirt’s family includes an eclectic mix, though success has come of late. Four-year-old half-sister Story of a Lion (by Lion Hearted) was stakes-placed at Charles Town and Timonium in 2008, and On the Throttle (also by Lion Hearted) won three races in 2008 at age 5. Three-year-old gelding Under Shirt, a son of Polish Miner purchased by Clancy from Bowman recently, is training for his debut this year.

Good Night Shirt continues an amazing legacy that traces back to his grandsire, Robert E. Meyerhoff’s homebred multimillionaire Broad Brush. Good Night Shirt is a third-generation Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, following his sire Concern (1994) and Broad Brush (1986-87). 🐾

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Two-year-old filly MISS CHARM CITY

*Ch.f., 2006, by Bowman’s Band—Pam’ssummerwind, by Rodeo.
Bred by James Glenn; owned by Estate of James Glenn; trained by
Carlos A. Garcia. Foaled at Wellington Park, Woodbine.*

Miss Charm City stepped into a 2-year-old maiden race at Laurel Park in August as Miss Unknown. Now, she’s a beauty queen.

The daughter of Bowman’s Band and the Rodeo mare Pam’ssummerwind went three for three in 2008, all in dominating fashion, won two stakes and claimed the title as Mary-

land-bred champion 2-year-old filly.

Sadly, neither her sire nor owner/breeder Jim Glenn could reap the bounty of Miss Charm City’s achievements. Bowman’s Band, who stood at Maryland Stallion Station in 2005 and 2006, was euthanized in August 2008 at famed Lane’s End in Kentucky after

complications from colic surgery. Glenn, a longtime client of trainer Carlos Garcia and wife Carol, died of cancer at 78. The Monkton resident never saw Miss Charm City run.

The chestnut filly won that August 13 maiden race by four lengths, crossing the spot at the finish line where Glenn's ashes were spread a few days earlier. Pointed for the \$50,000 Gin Talking Stakes on Laurel's turf course on September 6, Miss Charm City skated over the mud (thanks to Tropical Storm Hanna) and won the five and a half-furlong stakes by almost seven lengths.

Again ridden by Horacio Karamanos, Miss Charm City

stretched to seven furlongs and produced another stellar effort in the \$150,000 Maryland Million Lassie at Laurel on October 4. She survived a bump at the gate, opened four lengths at the top of the stretch and won by a comfortable length and a quarter over Fools in Love.

The victory provided the highlight to Glenn's unintentional breeding program. He had bought Pam'ssummerwind to race her; she flopped in four starts, then joined the Garcias at their Wellington Park Stud (in Woodbine, Md.) as a broodmare prospect.

Carol Kaye-Garcia planned the mating with Bowman's

Band and felt the impact in the winner's circle on Maryland Million day.

"We had horses for Jim for 20 years," she said. "If only he could have held on a few more months to have the fun of this, he must be up there somewhere watching. It's bittersweet."

On target for her first two-turn attempt in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship, Miss Charm City was shelved after suffering a suspensory injury in her left fore leg in the week leading up to the December race. She is expected to return to competition later this spring.

Miss Charm City is not the first Maryland-bred champion from the family of Pam'ssummerwind, whose half-sister Celestial Legend (by City Zip) won two stakes at 2 and was the champion juvenile filly of 2005. Pam'ssummerwind produced a 2007 filly by St Averil but, because of Glenn's illness, was not bred for 2008. She is due to foal to Domestic Dispute this spring.

Two-year-old male PEACE TOWN

*Ch.c., 2006, by Peace Rules—Darnestown, by Williamstown.
Bred by Bowman & Higgins Stable; owned by Vinery Stables LLC
and Singer Stables; trained by Michael J. Trombetta.
Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown.*

In support of its stallion Peace Rules, the Kentucky farm Vinery spent \$50,000 to purchase a Maryland-bred colt at the Keeneland September sale in 2007.

That chestnut colt has proven a good investment.

Named Peace Town, he went three for five in 2008 and took the Maryland-bred juvenile male championship for the partnership of Vinery Stables and Singer Stables. He clinched the title in his only start versus restricted competition, the \$50,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship at Laurel Park on December 27.

Bred by the Bowman & Higgins Stable, Peace Town launched his career with a runaway maiden win on June 17 at Delaware Park. He ripped through five furlongs in 59.63 seconds, winning by eight lengths for trainer Mike Trombetta and jockey Julian Pimentel.

Next came a muddy allowance victory punctuated by a hairy stumble at the start and a four-wide move on the Laurel Park turn August 14. Fifth in the \$100,000 Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile at Presque Isle Downs in September, Peace Town shipped to Belmont Park and finished second (a half-length behind Royal Vindication) in the \$75,000 Trapp Mountain Stakes on October 13.

Reunited with Pimentel, who remained undefeated on the colt, Peace Town returned with four days left in the year and determinedly held off In the Juice to win the Juvenile Championship. Peace Town concluded 2008 with \$88,850 in earnings.

The first foal of Darnestown (by Williamstown), a stakes-placed winner of \$94,280, Peace Town is another product of the successful partnership of Tom and Chris



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Bowman and Milton Higgins III. They sold Peace Town as a weanling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale for \$37,000 in 2006. Sally Thomas pinhooked him to Keeneland the next year, when Vinery made the purchase.

One of trainer Bobby Frankel's best runners, Peace Rules

earned more than \$3 million and counted the 2003 Haskell Invitational-G1 among his eight stakes victories. Standing at Vinery's Florida farm, the 9-year-old stallion placed ninth on the country's first-crop sire list in 2008, thanks to 23 winners. Peace Town was his leading earner.



Three-year-old male WILLSBORO POINT

*B.g., 2005, by Point Given—Petrouchka, by Red Ransom.
Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Jason Layfield and The
Thoroughbred Corporation; owned by Bonnie J. Wooster; trained by
Scott M. Schwartz. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown.*

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Willsboro Point, a small town on Lake Champlain in northern New York, is a long way from Maryland. And Willsboro Point, the horse, hasn't been much closer – he has never raced in his home state.

But that didn't stop him from becoming the Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old male in 2008. He started last season as an unraced maiden and finished as a stakes winner of \$115,440.

The path took plenty of twists.

Purchased for \$47,000 by trainer Roy Lerman at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern fall yearling sale in 2006, Willsboro Point made his career debut on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs on January 5. He promptly finished ninth of 10 and earned the coveted "showed little" comment from the Equibase chart-caller. Things looked considerably brighter next time as

Willsboro Point turned aside several challengers to break his maiden in a \$50,000 claimer (also on the turf at Tampa) on January 31. He failed to win two allowance starts at the Florida track before heading to New York.

Lerman ran the bay son of Point Given in a \$35,000 claimer on May 24 at Belmont and lost him to trainer Scott Schwartz and owner Bonnie Wooster. Victorious that day, Willsboro Point won again June 11 at Belmont and just missed in a first-level allowance race (beaten a neck by future stakes horse Wesley) 17 days later.

Trying stakes company next out, Willsboro Point confirmed the opinion with a one and a half-length score in the \$75,000 French Colonial at Belmont Park at a mile and an eighth on the turf. His year ended when he pressed the pace but faded to seventh (beaten three and a half lengths by winner Wesley) in the Grade 2 National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes at Saratoga on August 4. The nearly 17-hand gelding grabbed a quarter in that race and missed the rest of the year but is prepping for a 2009 return.

"With a turf horse, especially a young one, if you miss a month at that time of the year, you might as well take the rest of the year off," said Schwartz. "He really had a good year, and he could come back and have another one."

The trainer saw Willsboro Point's potential before he claimed him.

"I liked his pedigree, and he's a big, good-looking horse," said Schwartz. "He was only going to get better as he got older, and I figured if I got lucky, we could do okay and have some fun."

Bred by Tom and Chris Bowman, Dr. Jason Layfield and The Thoroughbred Corporation, Willsboro Point hails from the accomplished race mare Petrouchka. The daughter of Red Ransom, a Grade 3 winner and earner of \$266,396, sold for six figures as a broodmare before being purchased by the Bowmans at Keeneland in 2002 (while not in foal) for \$14,500.

Unproven as a producer in 2002, Petrouchka is now represented by two stakes winners, as her daughter Jennie R. (a foal of 2001 by Awesome Again) won three stakes winner and is graded stakes-placed, with earnings of \$338,034.

Petrouchka's 2004 filly by Not For Love, named Hard to Get, sold for \$110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale as a yearling and for \$460,000 (to Jess Jackson of Curlin fame) at Keeneland's 2006 2-year-olds in training sale. Petrouchka has a 2-year-old colt by Leroidesanimaux (Brz) and a yearling filly by Dance With Ravens, both bred in partnership by the Bowmans.



Three-year-old filly SWEET GOODBYE

*B.f., 2005, by Louis Quatorze—Thirty Eight Steps, by
Thirty Eight Paces. Bred and owned by William R. Harris; trained by
Christopher W. Grove. Foaled at Murmur Farm, Darlington.*

Unraced as a juvenile, Sweet Goodbye started her 3-year-old campaign as if she needed to make up for lost time – reeling off five consecutive wins from June through

November for owner/breeder William Harris and trainer Chris Grove.

The fast-forward campaign proved rewarding, with \$177,221 in earnings and the

nod as Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly.

From the first Maryland-sired crop of Louis Quatorze, who stands at Allen and Audrey Murray's Murmur Farm in Darlington, Sweet Goodbye opened the season (and her career) with a seventh-place finish in a Delaware Park maiden special weight on June 7. The bay filly showed her inexperience, breaking slowly and never getting into the race. She had no such ensuing problems, drawing off to win a Charles Town maiden special next out by 10 lengths.

Up and up she climbed from there. She won a first-level allowance in July at Philadelphia Park, her first time going a mile and a sixteenth, by five and a quarter lengths. The next step, a second-level allowance at Charles Town at the same distance in September, was just as easy as she led at every call to win by four

and a quarter lengths. Then came the triumphant Maryland Million Oaks in October. And, for good measure, she defeated males in the two-turn Northern Dancer at Laurel in November. The streak ended with a seventh in the mile and a quarter Ladies Handicap at Aqueduct in December, but it did little to diminish a stand-out year in which she soared through her victories by an average winning margin of nearly five and a half lengths.

Sweet Goodbye put a hammerlock on her championship with her stellar run in the Maryland Million Oaks. The favorite at slightly more than even money, she battled for the lead along the rail and drew off late to win by three lengths over multiple stakes winner Saxet Heights.

The champion continued a legacy for Harris, who bought his first horse in 1961 and now owns about 20 broodmares.

The Virginia resident acquired Sweet Goodbye's great-granddam, Amaranth Street, in the 1970s at the conclusion of her racing career. She produced Amanti, who won or placed in 20 stakes for Harris. Amanti extended the success by producing stakes horses Nawmon, Quiet Gratitude and Imadefender, and the unraced Thirty Eight Steps.

A daughter of Thirty Eight Paces, Thirty Eight Steps rewarded by producing three stakes winners in addition to Sweet Goodbye, all by Murmur Farm stallions: Norstep (1992, by Norquestor, \$229,845, Politely S, etc.), Deer Run (1997, by Deerhound, \$408,530, Maryland Million Sprint H, etc.) and Five Steps (2001, by Yarrow Brae, \$413,746, R.R.M. Carpenter Jr. Memorial S, etc.).

Thirty Eight Steps died a few months after producing Sweet Goodbye (hence the filly's name) in 2005, and Five

Steps was euthanized in 2008 following an undetermined illness.

But the line lives on, and Harris loves the feeling of extending the family.

"I raised her, her mama and her grandmother," Harris said at the Maryland Million. "I like to see them run. I don't sell them, I just race them. I've been doing it 50 years; is that a long time? I was born on a farm, I liked horses, I just bought me an old broodmare, she had a foal, he won his second race and I've been hooked ever since."

The Maryland-bred championship was the first for Harris and for Louis Quatorze, the 1996 Preakness winner who has sired millionaires Repent and Choctaw Nation and 2006 Eclipse Award finalist Bushfire. 🐾

Older female SMART AND FANCY

Dk.b./br.m., 2003, by Not For Love—Substitute Teacher, by Shelter Half. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; owned by Park Avenue Racing Stable; trained by Anthony W. Dutrow. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown.

Smart and Fancy's name could use a few more adjectives because she's more than that. Fast would work. So would rich. Brilliant. Consistent. Tough. Just pick some and tack them on. The Jockey Club won't mind.

In 2008, Smart and Fancy took a strong career and added three wins, two seconds, a third and \$196,170 from six starts. Owned by Park Avenue Racing Stable and trained by Tony Dutrow, the daughter of Not For Love eased into her 5-year-old campaign with a third behind All Giving and Cat On a Cloud over the Pimlico mud in the off-the-turf The Very One Stakes on May 16.

Back on the grass the rest of the year, she won her next

three and wrapped up the season with back-to-back seconds, giving her 21 top-three finishes in 23 lifetime starts.

The winning streak started in June at Colonial Downs, where she aired in the \$60,000 Buckland Stakes. Next came Delaware Park's \$100,000 Light Hearted Stakes on July 13, then a classy allowance at Philadelphia Park in early September. Favored in Philadelphia's \$200,000 Turf Amazon on September 27, Smart and Fancy lost her position on the turn and settled for second behind Sheets.

Dutrow shipped the mare to Belmont Park for the \$100,000 Xtra Heat Stakes on October 12, and she just missed her 14th career victory. At six furlongs, her longest



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race of the season, Smart and Fancy lost a nose-bob to the victorious Diamondrella.

The three-win season proved good enough. Smart and Fancy edged All Giving in the championship voting and gave breeders Tom and Chris Bowman one of their four Maryland-bred champions for the year.

Dutrow bought Smart and Fancy for \$47,000 at the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic East-

ern fall yearling sale after seeing her at the Bowmans' Roland Farm in Chesapeake City. He loved her and would have paid more, only some bidders were scared off by the lack of a pre-sale endoscopy. She didn't have a wind problem; she was just too high-strung to be scoped.

Undeterred, Dutrow made the purchase, and he and partners Richard Frisina, Alvin Akman and Stuart Grant have

been collecting paydays since. Smart and Fancy lifted her career earnings to \$755,363 and will be back for more in 2009 despite having turned up in November sales catalogs.

"She's good, and we all can't wait to get her back to the races," Dutrow said in February. "At the end of every turf season, we put her in the sales in case she is not perfect.

If we feel like that's enough [racing], we'll sell her as a broodmare. There's no reason for alarm. She's fine and will be back."

Dutrow smiles when he thinks of Smart and Fancy.

"I'm lucky because I have a small handful of horses like her," he said. "You know, the ones you always look for, that come back year after year –

you have so much respect for them and what they do. You're really blessed when you have horses like that. They become part of the family."

The Bowmans bought Smart and Fancy's dam, Substitute Teacher (by Shelter Half) in a package that also included Hot Story – the dam of 2008 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and steeplechase

champion Good Night Shirt – in 2001. Substitute Teacher produced three foals for the Bowmans before her death in 2006. Her final foal is Smart and Fancy's year-younger half-sister, Studious, a multiple winning daughter of Allen's Prospect. ❧

Older male • Sprinter • Turf runner

HEROS REWARD

*Dk.b./br.g., 2002, by Partner's Hero—Lifes Passage, by Caveat.
Bred by Gretchen Moberley; owned by Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slysz; trained by Dale Capuano.
Foaled at Summer Hill Farm, West Friendship.*



JIM MCCUE

Encore. Encore.

Good in 2007, Heros Reward backed it up with a standout 2008 season that pushed him to the brink of \$1 million earned. The now-7-year-old gelding made turf sprinting an art form, winning three stakes and walking away with Maryland-bred championships in the older male, turf horse and sprinter divisions for the second consecutive year. Only the Horse of the Year title escaped the son of Partner's Hero, that award going to steeplechase superstar Good Night Shirt.

Heros Reward and Good Night Shirt showcase the in-

nate differences in Thoroughbred runners. The former is all speed, the latter all stamina. Heros Reward started seven times in 2008 and covered less than five miles; Good Night Shirt started five times and covered almost 13 miles. But there's no question who's faster.

Trained by Dale Capuano for Rob Ry Farm and Jane Marie Slysz, Heros Reward followed a similar schedule to that of 2007, which included five wins and four seconds in 10 starts.

He started his 2008 campaign in Florida in April, rallying for third in the Bob Um-

phrey Turf Sprint Breeders' Cup Handicap, which lasted all of 55 seconds. On Preakness Day, May 17, he defended his crown in the Old Mutual Turf Sprint, going five furlongs in :59.19 and defeating True to Tradition by a neck.

Sent to Canada for the Grade 3 Scotts Highlander June 22 at Woodbine, Heros Reward controlled the pace throughout and held on to win by three quarters of a length in 1:08.02 for six furlongs – improving on his second-place finish in the 2007 running. Next came Penn National, where Heros Reward took on nine foes as the 2-5 favorite in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup on August 1. Accorded top weight of 124 pounds, four to 18 pounds more than his rivals, he flew home to win by almost two lengths in a rapid :55.14 for five furlongs, about two-fifths off the course record.

Ridden throughout by Javier Castellano, Heros Reward tackled Philadelphia Park's \$250,000 Turf Monster Handicap on Labor Day and finished second, four lengths behind True to Tradition (who carried five less pounds) in the budding rivalry.

Capuano headed back to Woodbine for the \$500,000 Nearctic Stakes, a Grade 2 that Heros Reward had won in 2007. He ran well again but ended up fourth, beaten a length, as True to Tradition held off Rouse the Cat by a nose.

With the new Turf Sprint division in place at the Breeders' Cup, Heros Reward represented Maryland at Santa

Anita in the \$1 million race at six and a half furlongs on the downhill course, and did so admirably. Breaking from the rail, considered a decided disadvantage over the course, Heros Reward was eleventh of 14 early but closed into wildly fast fractions and finished fifth, beaten just two and a quarter lengths by longshot winner Desert Code.

For the year, Heros Reward earned \$367,600 to push his lifetime bankroll to \$911,216.

Consistently fast, Heros Reward started at six race tracks in 2008 and never earned a Beyer Speed Figure lower than 95. The champion raced for breeder Gretchen Moberley before his current connections claimed him in April 2006. His sire Partner's Hero, the Maryland-bred champion older male of 1998, stood at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., when Heros Reward was conceived. Partner's Hero now stands at Northview PA in Peach Bottom.

Lifes Passage, a daughter of Caveat still owned by Moberley, has a 2-year-old colt, Crow Bar, from the first crop of Maryland sire Dance With Ravens. Because that colt was born May 30, Lifes Passage was not bred for 2008. She is due to foal this year in early March to the cover of Langfuhr. ❧

Maryland-bred championship voting *Top vote getters by points, which were awarded as follows: 5—first choice; 3—second; 1—third.*

2-year-old male

Peace Town (102)
Essenceofthemoon (83)
Mr. Keeper (23)

2-year-old filly

Miss Charm City (108)
Onearmedbandit (53)
Fools in Love (19)
Queen of Song (18)
Gonna Dash (7)
You Rock (6)

3-year-old male

Willsboro Point (97)
Wonder Mon (49)
Ready's Image (30)
Seeyouinthecity (27)
Sheeler (8)

3-year-old filly

Sweet Goodbye (101)
Kosmo's Buddy (58)
Hartigan (45)
Dicey DJ (5)

Older male

Heros Reward (91)
Barbecue Eddie (38)
Steve's Double (29)
Broadway Producer (25)
Ah Day (8)
Good Night Shirt (5)

Older female

Smart and Fancy (57)
All Giving (36)
La Chica Rica (34)
Lexi Star (30)
Spectacular Malibu (26)
Silmaril (11)
Silver Knockers (6)
Trouble Maker (6)

Turf

Heros Reward (107)
Steve's Double (46)
Smart and Fancy (21)
Kosmo's Buddy (12)
Dicey DJ (6)
Trouble Maker (6)
Broadway Producer (5)

Sprinter

Heros Reward (92)
Barbecue Eddie (68)
Celtic Innis (13)
Ah Day (10)
All Giving (9)
La Chica Rica (7)
Smart and Fancy (6)

Horse of the year

Good Night Shirt (87)
Heros Reward (69)
Barbecue Eddie (13)
Steve's Double (13)
Miss Charm City (7)
Kosmo's Buddy (5)

Steeplechaser

Good Night Shirt (120)
Guelph (42)
Preemptive Strike (42)

Listed above are all vote getters with at least five points. Selections for 2008 were made by the MHBA board of directors, MHBA members (combined as one vote), *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editors Lucy Acton and Cindy Deubler, Maryland Jockey Club racing secretary Georganne Hale and communications director Mike Gathagan, as well as Bill Brasaele of *Equibase*, John Scheinman of *The Washington Post*, and free-lance writers Dale Austin, Andy Beyer, Joe Clancy, Sean Clancy and Vinnie Perrone.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from January 1 to January 25, 2009.

Breeder bonuses

Alan H. Anthony Jr.—LION ON THE BEACH: Jan. 21, 6th race, \$923.40.
Baywood LLC—ALL GIVING: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$1,350.
Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS FEE: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$4,050. CLASSIC WILDCAT: Jan. 2, 5th race, \$2,154.60. PUSKITA: Jan. 22, 7th race, \$2,462.40. SILENT DIVA: Jan. 16, 6th race, \$1,385.10. (\$10,052.10)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—DUDE AGAIN: Jan. 15, 4th race, \$769.50.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Milton P. Higgins III and The Thoroughbred Corp.—THUNDER CHARM: Jan. 7, 6th race, \$1,231.20.
Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—GOING FOR GOLD: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$1,231.20.
Buckingham Farm—FASCINATIN' RHYTHM: Jan. 24, 9th race, \$1,350.
Colonial Ball Partnership—SOUTHAFRICAN BALL: Jan. 21, 5th race, \$2,154.60.
Cordelia Stables—MCATEER'S SECRET: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$615.60.
Dark Hollow Farm, George Harris and William deBurgh—NOT FOR SILVER: Jan. 15, 8th race, \$2,308.50.
William B. Delp—PROPT DELIVERY: Jan. 2, 1st race, \$769.50; Jan. 22, 3rd race, \$923.40. (\$1,692.90)
Andrew Doyle—NORJAC: Jan. 10, 5th race, \$1,385.10.
Mary Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—KATRINARITA: Jan. 1, 4th race, \$1,385.10.
W.S. Farish and Gasparilla Stable LLC—APPLE SPECIAL: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$1,615.95; Jan. 16, 2nd race, \$1,615.95. (\$3,231.90)
Mrs. Janon Fisher III—AMELIA'S BRIO: Jan. 2, 6th race, \$2,308.50.
Fitzhugh LLC—GUARDIAN SPIRIT: Jan. 15, 7th race, \$923.40. RICHARD'S KID: Jan. 1, 8th race, \$2,616.30. (\$3,539.70)
Robert Frankel—LITE UP THE NITE: Jan. 17, 3rd race, \$1,539.
Galway Dreams Stable—CASEY DOON: Jan. 16, 9th race, \$769.50.
Robert Gamber—HERE COMES MIKEY: Jan. 10, 1st race, \$692.55.
Green Willow Farms—BUDDHA BOP: Jan. 24, 6th race, \$1,231.20.

William R. Harris—OUR SUE: Jan. 23, 9th race, \$615.60. SECOND DATE: Jan. 17, 4th race, \$769.50. (\$1,385.10)
Cary W. Jackson—NOW IT BEGINS: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$742.50.
Charles R. Jefferis—CAYMAN CONDO: Jan. 17, 8th race, \$405.
John Alecci Stables—GRACEFUL GINGER: Jan. 15, 6th race, \$2,000.70.
John Franzone Jr. Racing Inc.—HER SHADOW: Jan. 8, 5th race, \$615.60.
Joyce P. Jones—SMART 'N FEISTY: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$769.50.
Kaygor and Morris Stable—CLARA'S SONG: Jan. 7, 7th race, \$2,462.40.
Herbert B. Keil—MAGAMOO: Jan. 9, 4th race, \$1,615.95.
K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.—EYE: Jan. 10, 6th race, \$1,231.20.
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—ROBEY'S CHOICE: Jan. 23, 6th race, \$1,385.10.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Merryman—MOJAVE BRICK: Jan. 22, 9th race, \$615.60.
Gretchen B. Moberley—LION'S SHARE: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$923.40.
Jimmy Murphy—BREW FOR THE BAND: Jan. 23, 5th race, \$923.40.
Non Stop Stable—FIVE DIAMONDS: Jan. 24, 4th race, \$2,154.60.
North Highland Farm—P V LIGHTENING: Jan. 3, 8th race, \$742.50.
Mark O'Donnell—MALIBU KID: Jan. 2, 8th race, \$2,770.20.
Yigal Rappaport—HEAVEN'S VOICE: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$2,308.50.
Charles J. Reed—BILL'S JEWELL: Jan. 16, 5th race, \$769.50.
R.M. Zig Stables Inc.—KENAHARRA: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$769.50.
Seaside Stable—SHARP LIONESS: Jan. 7, 8th race, \$2,154.60.
Tanterra Stables—MY LITTLE PRETTY: Jan. 7, 5th race, \$2,462.40.
Thornmar Farm LLC—ALL SMILES: Jan. 24, 9th race, \$4,050.

Willow Oaks Stables LLC—BIGDADDYSGIRL: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$1,846.80. VICAR'S WIXEN: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$405. (\$2,251.80)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—BROAD BESS: Jan. 8, 2nd race, \$1,231.20. JEN'S REVENGE: Jan. 17, 7th race, \$2,462.40. (\$3,693.60)

Owner bonuses

Sandra D. Bender—CLASSIC WILDCAT: Jan. 2, 5th race, \$1,755.60. PUSKITA: Jan. 22, 7th race, \$2,006.40. SILENT DIVA: Jan. 16, 6th race, \$1,128.60. (\$4,890.60)
Mary Eppler Racing Stable and Triple Tree Stable—KATRINARITA: Jan. 1, 4th race, \$1,128.60.
Mrs. Janon Fisher III—AMELIA'S BRIO: Jan. 2, 6th race, \$1,881.
Fitzhugh LLC—RICHARD'S KID: Jan. 1, 8th race, \$2,131.80.
Robert Gamber—HERE COMES MIKEY: Jan. 10, 1st race, \$564.30.
Barbara C. Graham—BREW FOR THE BAND: Jan. 23, 5th race, \$752.40.
William R. Harris—OUR SUE: Jan. 23, 9th race, \$501.60.
Hillwood Stable LLC—MALIBU KID: Jan. 2, 8th race, \$2,257.20.
John Alecci Stables—GRACEFUL GINGER: Jan. 15, 6th race, \$1,630.20.
John Franzone Jr. Racing Inc.—HER SHADOW: Jan. 8, 5th race, \$501.60.
R. Larry Johnson—SOUTHAFRICAN BALL: Jan. 21, 5th race, \$1,755.60.
Ted Julio—NOT FOR SILVER: Jan. 15, 8th race, \$1,881.
Kaygor and Morris Stable—CLARA'S SONG: Jan. 7, 7th race, \$2,006.40.
Herbert B. Keil—MAGAMOO: Jan. 9, 4th race, \$1,316.70.
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—ROBEY'S CHOICE: Jan. 23, 6th race, \$1,128.60.
Edwin W. Merryman—MOJAVE BRICK: Jan. 22, 9th race, \$501.60.
Ralph Patten and William Inman—FIVE DIAMONDS: Jan. 24, 4th race, \$1,755.60.
Yigal Rappaport—HEAVEN'S VOICE: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$1,881.
Repole Stable—JEN'S REVENGE: Jan. 17, 7th race, \$2,006.40.
Gina Rosenthal—BIGDADDYSGIRL: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$1,504.80.
Seaside Stables LLC—SHARP LIONESS: Jan. 7, 8th race, \$1,755.60.
Tanterra Stables—MY LITTLE PRETTY: Jan. 7, 5th race, \$2,006.40.
Janet L. Wayson—APPLE SPECIAL: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$1,316.70; Jan. 16, 2nd race, \$1,316.70. (\$2,633.40)

Stallion bonuses

ALLEN'S PROSPECT (All Giving: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$675. Broad Bess: Jan. 8, 2nd race, \$615.60. Smart 'n Feisty: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$384.75): Allen's Prospect Syndicate—\$1,675.35.
BOWMAN'S BAND (Brew for the Band: Jan. 23, 5th race, \$461.70): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz.
CROWD PLEASER (Amelia's Brio: Jan. 2, 6th race, \$1,154.25): Crowd Pleaser Partnership.
CRYPTO STAR (Second Date: Jan. 17, 4th race, \$384.75): Crypto Star Syndicate.
GO FOR GIN (Going for Gold: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$615.60): Bonito Farm and Joe Comaccia.
LION HEARTED (Heaven's Voice: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$1,154.25. Lion On the Beach: Jan. 21, 6th race, \$461.70. Lion's Share: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$461.70. McAteer's Secret: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$307.80. Sharp Lioness: Jan. 7, 8th race, \$1,077.30): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$3,462.75.
LOUIS QUATORZE (Bigdaddygirl: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$923.40): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.
MOJAVE MOON (Lite Up the Nite: Jan. 17, 3rd race, \$769.50. Mojave Brick: Jan. 22, 9th race, \$307.80): Mojave Moon Syndicate—\$1,077.30.
NOT FOR LOVE (Not for Silver: Jan. 15, 8th race, \$1,154.25. Robey's Choice: Jan. 23, 6th race, \$692.55): Not For Love Syndicate—\$1,846.80.
OPS SMILE (Kenaharra: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$384.75): Ops Smile Syndicate.
OUTFLANKER (Apple Special: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$807.98; Jan. 16, 2nd race, \$807.98. My Little Pretty: Jan. 7, 5th race, \$1,231.20): Outflanker Syndicate—\$2,847.16.
PARKER'S STORM CAT (Her Shadow: Jan. 8, 5th race, \$307.80): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.
PARTNER'S HERO (Cayman Condo: Jan. 17, 8th race, \$202.50): Partner's Hero Syndicate.
TWO PUNCH (Graceful Ginger: Jan. 15, 6th race, \$1,000.35. Katrinaria: Jan. 1, 4th race, \$692.55. Now It Begins: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$371.25): Two Punch Syndicate—\$2,064.15.

SPECIAL \$5,000 BONUS PAYMENTS

MSW PAYMENTS (January 1 - January 25, 2009):

Sandra D. Bender; R. Larry Johnson; Ralph Patten and William Inman; Seaside Stables LLC.

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on February 17. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2009. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2009

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Lion Hearted	87	151	20	20	\$485,301
Not For Love	85	139	15	18	464,644
Outflanker	68	121	19	24	392,218
Louis Quatorze	63	116	13	13	214,191
Two Punch	46	72	10	10	192,775
Allen's Prospect	31	52	9	10	168,371
Crowd Pleaser	8	17	3	3	94,123
Domestic Dispute	20	33	4	4	89,749
Eastern Echo	16	30	2	3	75,752
Seeking Daylight	12	17	5	5	74,791
Go for Gin	30	53	3	3	74,207
Mojave Moon	31	55	5	5	67,176
No Armistice	18	30	4	4	63,590
Crypto Star	20	32	4	5	59,229
Rock Slide	16	23	2	2	58,722
Polish Numbers	10	21	4	5	54,814

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	925	22,733	766	3,304	\$53,197,200
Two Punch	775	14,886	603	2,266	45,807,700
Not For Love	513	9,677	392	1,519	42,606,500
Polish Numbers	439	8,998	362	1,330	32,423,400
Carnivalay	494	13,215	404	1,806	30,039,600
Waquoit	452	10,766	349	1,463	25,728,600
Citidancer	293	6,776	251	1,177	24,617,200
Eastern Echo	411	8,204	287	1,081	21,874,200
Norquestor	293	8,722	252	1,241	20,935,800
Louis Quatorze	410	6,796	291	914	20,630,600
Deputed Testamony	352	10,144	266	1,399	18,454,300
Oh Say	418	10,059	353	1,472	17,589,500
Outflanker	270	4,802	206	736	15,644,300
Go for Gin	238	4,137	147	507	14,372,600
Lion Hearted	217	2,539	155	387	9,097,220
Yarrow Brae	151	2,438	108	343	7,393,970
Wayne County (Ire)	145	2,773	93	315	5,664,270
Crypto Star	108	1,838	75	241	4,209,370
Crowd Pleaser	94	1,235	65	160	3,952,440
Aaron's Concorde	82	1,863	60	199	3,865,520
Sewickley	69	1,695	54	230	3,626,890
Mojave Moon	124	1,676	81	180	3,043,560

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch	381	1,228	152	189	4,941,400
Not For Love	234	732	89	119	4,197,100
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	151	567	81	123	3,197,390
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Louis Quatorze	214	660	63	80	2,542,570
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Outflanker	162	677	69	95	2,376,710
Waquoit	195	674	56	81	1,918,500
Lion Hearted	125	407	50	72	1,891,430
Oh Say	152	574	65	90	1,457,000
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410
Go for Gin	128	400	25	30	789,910
Deputed Testamony	174	695	38	51	761,008
Yarrow Brae	70	229	26	34	665,618
Mojave Moon	76	278	21	23	526,067
Crypto Star	44	141	15	20	470,899