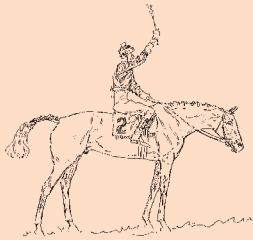


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Ops Smile filly tops MHBA Yearling Show

It's not every day that a Kentucky Derby-winning trainer travels hundreds of miles to evaluate a large group of yearlings *gratis* in front of their owners and other potential second-guessers.

So what drew John Ward to the 68th annual Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show on June 30 at the Timonium Fairgrounds, where he inspected 119 Maryland-breds during a marathon session that began at 10 a.m. and continued (with a lunch break) until 5 p.m.?

Maybe it was the opportunity to become—even more—a part of history. Ward, who saddled Monarchos to win last year's run for the roses, joined a lineup of renowned trainers, many of them Hall of Famers—from James E. (Sunny Jim) Fitzsimmons to Jack Van Berg and Bobby Frankel—who have served as judges for the MHBA Yearling Show. No other Thoroughbred yearling show in the country, and probably the world, can boast of such a tradition.

Ward worked hard at it, as the others have before him. "The yearlings were turned out in good fashion, and the choices were really difficult," he said.



Acting Op poses following Class IV with (from left) Laura Schmitt, Mike Pons, Karen Dempsey, John Boniface, Katy Malone. Below: Dempsey and Boniface receive grand champion honors from (from left) David Hayden, Kieran McDermott and Richard Hoffberger.





Class I: Bobbie Harrison of Purina Mills and MHBA president Tom Bowman make presentation to Dr. Allen Garst for his winning entry, a colt by Diamond—Tippy, by Dancing Count.



Class V: Stone Fleet (by Swear by Dixie) with (from left) William K. Boniface, daughter Bethany and sons William R. (rear) and Ben; Don Litz, Phoebe Hayes, John Boniface, Beth Baldwin.



Class II: Colt by Not For Love—Pot of Antics, by Anticipating, took top honors. Presenters (from left) were Mason Grasty and Redmond Finney. Tim Frazer led the colt in the ring.



Class III: Bob Manfuso (second from left) accepts trophy from Hal Clagett for his winner and eventual reserve champion. Also pictured, from left: Katy Voss, Kieran McDermott, Yancey Sacks.

Yearling Show

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Ward's number one choice, the grand champion of the show, was a gray/roan, nearly white, filly by Ops Smile out of the Allen's Prospect mare Allepia. Owned and bred by Karen Dempsey and shown by Bonita Farm, the filly, who is already named Acting Op, was

selected solely on looks—Ward describing her as “solidly built and racey.” But her pedigree backs up her appearance: Ops Smile is a young Grade 1-winning son of longtime leading Maryland sire Caveat, and Allen's Prospect is Maryland's all-time top stallion.

Reserve champion was a colt by Roy out of Devil's Miss, by Devil's Bag, owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso.

so. The most successful yearling show participant in recent years, Manfuso, co-owner of Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, Md., has exhibited two reserve champions since retiring the championship trophy in 1999.

The experience was totally new to Dempsey, who had never exhibited in the show until entering her entire 2002 yearling crop. Dempsey and her husband Warren own 53-acre Reveille Farm in Monkton, Md., and have been in the race horse business for about 12 years. The Dempseys have a steeplechase stable with Tom Voss—their best horse to date has been Soaringverseattle, whom Voss trained to the 1997 National Steeplechase Association novice championship and to victory in the 1998 Atlanta Cup-NSA1—and a flat racing contingent with Bonita Farm.

It was the opportunity to win part of the Yearling Show purse—a total of \$40,000 will be distributed among the top-earning (in North America) 2 and 3-year-olds who were exhibited in the show—that convinced Dempsey to participate with her only yearling.

“I had no inkling I'd win something [at the show],” she said.

Dempsey bought the grand champion's dam Allepia at the 1997 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale for \$14,000, in foal to Anjiz. “She's a beautiful, big-boned gray mare with a wonderful eye,

and she was stakes-placed [third in the 1993 Politely Stakes],” noted Dempsey. Acting Op is the fourth foal Dempsey has bred from the mare, who has an Ops Smile filly at her side and was not covered this year.

Acting Op is from the second crop of Ops Smile, who stands at Bonita Farm in Darlington.

Remarkably, Bonita Farm stallions were represented by the winners of both classes for in-state-sired fillies, while horses standing at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., completed a similar sweep of the two classes for Maryland-sired colts.

The grand champion, a March 11 foal, topped 27 other entries in Class IV (for Maryland-sired fillies foaled prior to April 7), the largest class in the show.

Class V (for Maryland-sired fillies foaled on or after April 7) went to Stone Fleet, a daughter of Swear by Dixie—Seven Paces, by Dancing Count, owned and bred by Bonita Farm.

It was a banner day for Swear by Dixie (by Dixieland Band out of the Deputed Testimony mare Under Oath), who had his first crop come to the races this season and was represented by his first winner (Mark Aim Fire) at Delaware Park on the day of the yearling show.

The winner of Class I (for Maryland-sired colts and

geldings foaled prior to April 10) was Allen and Pam Garst's Diamond Tip (by Diamond—Tippy, by Dancing Count). The colt is from the first crop of Diamond, a superbly bred son of Mr. Prospector.

Hindman Ltd. Partnership (Jim and Dixie Hindman) exhibited the winner of Class II (for Maryland-sired colts and geldings foaled on or after April 10), a colt by Not For Love—Pot of Antics, by Anticipating. Not For Love (by Mr. Prospector) ranks among Maryland's leading sires, with four crops of racing age.

There were also two classes for out-of-state-sired yearlings (III and VI). The former went to the reserve champion, and Class VI was won by a daughter of Horse Chestnut (SAf)—Clever Phrase, by Clever Trick, owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm (David and Jo Ann Hayden).

More than \$11,000 in prize money was distributed in the six classes.

But the rewards went far beyond money for many people, including Rose Dodd of Berwyn, Pa., who won the ladies' division of the amateur judging contest.

The amateur judging contest, a popular sidelight that dates back nearly as long as the show itself, challenges observers to predict the judge's selections in Class IV. Dodd's perspicacity was noteworthy enough in itself, but what defies all odds is that she and her husband Keith have now won the contest three times between them. Keith Dodd, a retired middle school principal, won the gentlemen's division in 1995 and 2000.

"I liked her looks and conformation, and the way she carried herself," said Rose Dodd of the Class IV winner and eventual grand champion. "In fact, I figured she'd be best in show."

The Dodds have participated in racing partnerships (most recently with Country Life Farm) for about 10 years. Asked if they may now begin selecting horses on their own, Rose Dodd, who works at editing Sunday school cur-

riculum for American Baptist Churches, said they'll keep on practicing their skills at the MHBA Yearling Show, at least for the foreseeable future. ❖

RESULTS

Class I—For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland prior to April 10, 2001, the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2000. (21 exhibited)

1—Diamond Tip, b.c., Diamond—Tippy, by Dancing Count. Owned and bred by Allen and Pam Garst, Walkersville, Md. 2—Davanti, dk.b./br.c., Tamayaz—Lisa Be Smart, by Smarten. Owned and bred by Ron and Betsy Sapp LLC, Hydes, Md. 3—Flying Duck, ch.c., In Case—Fly to Venus, by Lord Gaylord. Owned and bred by Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr., Glyndon, Md. 4—Amerifly, b.c., Ameri Valay—Over Fly, by Blues Parade. Owned and bred by Elizabeth J. Schultz, Ijamsville, Md. 5—Unison Moon, dk.b./br.c., Malibu Moon—Dunsaname, by Cannonnade. Owned and bred by Gordon C. Keys, Middleburg, Va.

Class II—For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland on or after April 10, 2001, the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2000. (20 exhibited)

1—dk.b./br.c., Not For Love—Pot of Antics, by Anticipating. Owned and bred by Hindman Ltd. Partnership, Westminster, Md. 2—Class Concern, b.g., Concern—Class Vow, by Spring Double. Owned and bred by Mede Cahaba Stable and Stud, Washington, D.C. 3—Diamond David, b.c., Horatius—Jazema, by Bold Forbes. Owned and bred by Nancy H. Alberts, Jessup, Md. 4—b.c., Concern—Litter, by Palace Music. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md. 5—dk.b./br.c., Partner's Hero—Rollingwood, by Baederwood. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Racing Partnership, Upperco, Md.

Class III—For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland in 2001, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland in 2000. (13 exhibited)

1—dk.b./br.c., Roy—Devil's Miss, by Devil's Bag. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md. 2—ch.c., Hennessey—Hey Butterfly, by Theatrical (Ire). Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md. 3—ch.c., Gentlemen (Arg)—Rare Flight, by Rare Performer. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md. 4—Pioneer Duke, ch.c., Pioneering—Her Duchess, by Mr. Leader. Owned and bred by Redmond C.S. Finney, Upperco, Md. 5—Call Cielo, b.c., Caller I. D.—



Class VI: David and Jo Ann Hayden receive trophy from Jim Steele (left) for their homebred filly by Horse Chestnut (SAf). Also pictured are Bill Reightler and handler Angela McElroy.



Worthington Farms Challenge Trophy: Duck Martin (left) makes presentation to William K. Boniface, joined by (from left) Mike Pons, William R. Boniface and John Boniface.



Trainer John Ward (left) receives token of appreciation for his judging from MHBA general manager Cricket Goodall and John Boniface, chairman of the Yearling Show Committee.

Signorita Cielo, by Conquistador Cielo. Owned by Diane Mukherjee, Brookeville, Md. Bred by Diane Mukherjee and Kendua Farm.

Class IV—For fillies foaled in Maryland prior to April 7, 2001,

the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2000. (28 exhibited)

1—Acting Op, gr./ro.f., Ops Smile—Allepia, by Allen's Prospect. Owned and bred by Karen Dempsey, Monkton, Md. 2—Lady



Groom's award, Class I: Not For Love colt prepped by Jose Arellano, handled by Kelly Hayes. Presenter: Chris Bricker.



Groom's award, Class II: Mardi Herman receives check from Chris Bricker for Mede Cahaba's gelding by Concern.



Groom's award, Class III: Chris Bricker makes presentation to Mary Eppler, co-owner of best turned-out entry, by Clever Trick.



Groom's award, Class IV: Beth Baldwin scores with another filly by Ops Smile.



Groom's award, Class V: Kelly Bailey takes honors with a daughter of In Case.



Groom's award, Class VI: Paul Randall wins for his own filly by Deposit Ticket.



Winners of the amateur judging contest, Rose Dodd and James Jones, receive their awards from Gordon Keys (left) and Jean Walter (right).

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Krista, b.f., Wayne County (Ire)—Lady Beaumont, by Lord Gaylord. Owned and bred by Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr., Glyndon, Md. 3—dk.b./br.f., Allen's Prospect—Hey Frankie, by Hay Halo. Owned and bred by Sharon Manzari, Baltimore, Md. 4—Hi Five Raven, dk.b./br.f., Itaka—Five to Won, by Clever Champ. Owned and bred by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne K. Bus-sard, Damascus, Md. 5—Acclaim, b.f., Northern Raja—Lark's Gift, by Lord Gaylord. Owned and bred by Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr., Glyndon, Md.

Class V—For fillies foaled in Maryland on or after April 7, 2001, the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2000. (23 exhibited)

1—Stone Fleet, b.f., Swear by Dixie—Seven Paces, by Dancing Count. Owned and bred by Bonita Farm, Darlington, Md. 2—A Firm Prospect, ch.f., Storm Broker—Prospect's Deal, by Allen's Prospect. Owned and bred by Fred T. Lewis DVM, Clarksville, Md. 3—gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon—Silencer, by John Alden. Owned and bred by Silent LLC and Country Life Farm, Bel Air, Md. 4—b.f., Polish Numbers—Riscay, by Rahy. Owned and bred by Elk Manor

Farm, North East, Md. 5—Mystique Moon, ch.f., Yarrow Brae—Brenta, by Compelling Sound. Owned and bred by Friends of Brenta LLC, Baltimore, Md.

Class VI—For fillies foaled in Maryland in 2001, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland in 2000. (14 exhibited)

1—dk.b./br.f., Horse Chestnut (SAf)—Clever Phrase, by Clever Trick. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. 2—ch.f., Scatmandu—Mine Inning, by Mining. Owned and bred by William Paca Beatson Jr., Annapolis, Md. 3—Pink'ster, ch.f., Frisk Me Now—Allegro, by Timeless Native. Owned by Diane Mukherjee, Brookeville, Md. Bred by Diane Mukherjee and Kendua Farm. 4—gr./ro.f., Lure—Listed, by Housebuster. Owned and bred by Kaygar Stable and Morris Stable, Glenwood, Md. 5—b.f., Menifee—Mystic Dance, by Nepal. Owned by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Ann Merryman.

Champion—Acting Op, gr./ro.f., Ops Smile—Allepia, by Allen's Prospect. (Class IV)

Reserve champion—dk.b./br.c., Roy—Devil's Miss, by Devil's Bag. (Class III)

Worthington Farms Challenge Trophy—Presented to the Maryland stallion whose offspring earn

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Special thanks go to Jim and Dixie Hindman, who hosted the crab feast the evening before the show at their Rich Meadow Farm near Westminster.

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the most points based on the following: five for first, three (second), two (third), one (fourth) and a half (fifth). The champion earns two and the reserve, one.

The following stallions earned points at this year's show: Ops Smile, seven points (five shown); five points each—Diamond (five), Not For Love (four) and Swear by Dixie (three); Concern, four points (two); three points each—Storm Broker (two), Tamayaz (three) and Wayne County (Ire) (four); Malibu Moon, two and a half points (five); two points each—Allen's Prospect (eight), Horatius (one) and In Case (seven); one point each—Ameri Valay (one), Itaka (two) and Polish Numbers (five); one-half point each—Northern Raja (one), Partner's Hero (two) and Yarrow Brae (five).

Groom's Awards—Class I: Jose Arellano; **Class II:** Mardi Herman; **Class III:** Mary Eppler; **Class IV:** Beth Baldwin, John Boniface; **Class V:** Kelly Bailey; **Class VI:** Paul Randall. **Champion:** Beth Baldwin and John Boniface. **Reserve champion:** Leo Lopez.

Amateur judging contest—Rose Dodd, James R. Jones.

Backstretch Scholarship Program offers more than \$20,000

Individuals working on the backstretch and/or a local farm while pursuing a college degree are invited to apply for financial assistance from the Backstretch Scholarship Program.

More than \$20,000 will be awarded this fall.

A new name accompanies the largest single grant, to be known as the Eddie McMullen Memorial Scholarship.

Eddie McMullen, a one-time jockey and trainer who devoted the latter part of his career to helping run the press box at Maryland tracks, conceived the idea for this scholarship program in the 1980s, and was among those who helped it develop into its present-day format. McMullen died earlier this year.

The Backstretch Scholarship Program is supported by

\$5,000 contributions from the Maryland Racing Media Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund and from owner/breeder Milton P. Higgins III as well as several anonymous contributions.

Deadline for application is September 9.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the MRMA, so as to eliminate any potential conflict of interest.

In judging scholarship applications, the MRMA gives special consideration to grade point average; number of college/university credits earned; pursuit of undergraduate or graduate degree in animal sciences or other racing-related program; continuity of service on backstretch or farm; employer's letter of recommendation.

The MRMA does not predetermine the number of scholarships to be awarded.

For information, call MRMA president Tom Keyser at (410) 857-0269.

MRMA Crab Feast set Oct. 11 at Laurel Park

The Maryland Racing Media Association will hold its annual Crab Feast on October 11 at Laurel Park. Tickets are \$40 apiece or \$350 for a table of ten, and include all-you-can-eat crabs, a complete dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks.

As in past years, the MRMA will conduct a silent auction of racing photographs and memorabilia, the proceeds from which help to support the Backstretch Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are presented annually at the Crab Feast,

along with the MRMA's special awards.

The MRMA will present its Humphrey S. Finney Award for lifetime contributions to Maryland racing to Clem Florio, who retired this year as the oddsmaker at Laurel/Pimlico following a long and colorful career as a handicapping expert and racing analyst.

Achievement awards will go to Grover G. (Bud) Delp, the Maryland trainer inducted this year into racing's Hall of Fame; and Nancy Alberts, breeder/owner/trainer of 2002

Preakness runner-up Magic Weisner.

The newsmaker award will be presented to Audrey and Allen Murray, who brought Our Emblem, sire of Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner War Emblem, to stand this season at their Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md.

For tickets and information call Joe Kelly or Lucy Acton at (410) 252-2100.

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2002

(through August 6)

1. Magic Weisner . . . \$791,000
2. Your Out 241,350
3. Sheila's Prospect . . 186,619
4. Rosthern 177,966
5. Shiny Band 159,727
6. He's a Knockout . . . 159,300
7. Willa On the Move . . 157,050
8. Duckhorn 150,624
9. Shiny Sheet 148,150
10. For Rubies 145,920
11. First Amendment . . 136,820
12. Shine Again 136,000
13. Deer Run 111,590
14. Include 110,000
15. Secret River 105,360
16. Twilight Prince 97,440
17. Zip's Baby Zip 90,890
18. Winter Leaf 88,159
19. For Love and Honor . 84,920
20. Two Punch Sonny . . . 82,621



FOAL REPORT

- BALLET PROSPECT, by Allen's Prospect, b.c., May 13, by Yarrow Brae. Diamond Z Stable.
- BEARLY TIME, by Time for a Change, ch.c., April 18, by Meadow Monster. Connie Scherr. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- BONGANES, by Akureyri, b.f., May 10, by Larrupin'. Dr. A.C. Brown.
- CENTERFOAL, by Cormorant, b.f., April 18, by Meadow Monster. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- CHASE IT DOWN, by Polish Numbers, ch.f., February 11, by Allen's Prospect. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III.
- CIELO STAR, by Norquestor, b.f., February 24, by Rubiyat. Charles R. Chaney.
- CINDYS SONNET, by Silver Buck, ch.f., March 26, by Diligence. Marshall and Suzanne Novak. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- DARLENE'S FRIEND, by Hay Halo, ch.f., May 18, by Meadow Monster. William Hill. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- DESIGNER ORIGINAL, by Masked Dancer, gr./ro.c., April 24, by Dr. Best. Herbert B. Keil. Mare to Dr. Best.
- DOC'S DUBL TROUBLE, by West Coast Scout, b.f., March 23, by Boy Done Good. Louis and Victoria Meyer.
- DOCS GOLDEN SQUIRE, by Squire, b.c., April 13, by Swear by Dixie. Louis and Victoria Meyer.
- DYNAMITE BLOND, by Halo, ch.c., February 8, by Cat Thief. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Maria's Mon.
- ENGRAVED IN GOLD, by Goldlust, b.c., May 7, by Secret Firm. Alvin Lapidus. Mare to Valley Crossing.
- ESKIMO QUEST, by Eskimo, b.f., April 4, by Toolighttoquit. Kenneth Tucker. Mare to In Case.

- FOUR NINETY FIVE, by Danzig Connection, ch.f., March 28, by In Case. Robert Winters. Mare to In Case.
- GIVEN, by Masked Dancer, b.c., April 24, by Meadow Monster. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- GRACEFUL ALLEN, by Allen's Prospect, b.c., March 22, by Meadow Monster. Richard Hoffberger. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- HALO LISA, by Sunny's Halo, ch.f., February 18, by Commendable. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Five Star Day.
- HAS MI DIA, by Pine Bluff, b.c., February 19, by Elusive Quality. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Vicar.
- HER BEST EVER, by Kris S., ch.c., May 27, by Meadow Monster. Herbert B. Keil. Mare to Larrupin'.
- HINSDALE, by Two Punch, ch.f., March 26, by Dancinwiththedevel. Herbert B. Keil. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- HOKEY COKEY, by Dancing Again, ch.c., February 2, by Stephen Got Even. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Elusive Quality.
- HOT SOUNDS, by Citidancer, ch.f., March 8, by Not Surprised. Dr. Emma Jane Lackey. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- IMPOSING LIGHT, by Majestic Light, dk.b./br.c., January 25, by Allen's Prospect. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman.
- INFANT, by Northern Baby, b.c., January 25, by Louis Quatorze. Russell Schalk Jr. Mare to Grindstone.
- INNOCENCE LOST, by Quiet American, b.c., May 10, by Meadow Monster. Connie Scherr. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- MACKELL'S MAGIC, by Northern Raja, ch.c., May 17, by Meadow Monster. Steve McHargue. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- MARILYN'S MAGIC, by Shananie, ch.f., March 1, by Mazel Trick. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Broken Vow.
- MILLY KNOWS, by Known Fact, b.c., April 24, by Larrupin'. Lewis Wiley. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- NIKITA MOON, by Secret Hello, b.f., February 26, by Golden Missile. Green Willow Farms. Mare to High Yield.
- OCALE, by Balzac, b.f., April 8, by Meadow Monster. Russell Schalk. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- OUT OF TAXES, by Out of Place, ch.c., February 20, by Luhuk. Green Willow Farms. Mare to El Corredor.
- PROMISEVILLE, by Alwasmi, gr./ro.f., May 14, by Silver Charm. Frank A. Bonsal Jr.
- RAW BAR PRINCESS, by Entropy, ch.f., May 5, by Meadow Monster. Lawrence Higgins.
- REDEPLOYED, by M. Double M., ch.c., May 22, by Meadow Monster. John Salzman. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- ROUND IT OFF, by Apalachee, ch.c., April 29, by Golden Missile. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Tiznow.
- RUSSIAN MELODY, by Lomond, ch.c., April 12, by Dr. Best. Herbert B. Keil. Mare to Dr. Best.
- SAGAN, by Ogygian, b.f., April 20, by Meadow Monster. Lewis Wiley. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- SATURDAY AFFAIR, by Oh Say, b.f., April 1, by Maria's Mon. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- SAVVY LASS, by Clever Champ, b.c., March 23, by Aaron's Concorde. Jean Morris. Mare to Appealing Skier.
- SING FOR ME, by Private Terms, b.f., March 3, by Alster. Ray Makarovich Jr. and Robert Kreis. Mare to Alster.
- SISTER PARISH, by Cox's Ridge, b.f., May 10, by Meadow Monster. Morgan Dove and Karin Wurtemberger. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- SISTER STONES, by Houston, b.f., February 19, by Chester House. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Artax.
- SPECIAL SKIRT, by Cahill Road, dk.b./br.f., February 9, by Larrupin'. Acorn Hill Farm. Mare to In Case.
- SPOILED LADY, by Graustark, b.f., April 9, by Real Quiet. Green Willow Farms and Ray Makarovich. Mare to Dixie Union.
- SUSPECT TERRAIN, by Corridor Key, gr./ro.c., January 28, by Artax. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Old Trieste.
- TOO SHAFTIE, by Two Punch, ch.c., May 14, by Meadow Monster. John Phillips. Mare to Dr. Best.
- TREMOLOS, by Vice Regent, ch.f., February 26, by Real Quiet. Green Willow Farms and Ray Makarovich Jr. Partnership. Mare to Golden Missile.
- VAULTED, by Allen's Prospect, gr./ro.f., March 6, by Crowd Pleaser. Arnold Smolen. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- WEBSITE, by Afleet, b.c., April 10, by Silic (Fr). Susan and Charles Cordell. Mare to Meadow Monster.
- WILD CHERUBS, by Perfecting, b.f., March 17, by Alster. Jeff Morsberger. Mare to Alster.
- WINKA, by Waquoit, gr./ro.f., April 4, by Pioneering. Green Willow Farms. Mare to Meadow Monster.

Did you complete your survey?

Don't be left out. Maryland is conducting its first official horse census, and if you are a horse owner your support is vital.

"We know that there are a lot of horses in Maryland and we know the equine industry is economically important," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Hagner Mister. "Getting an accurate count of equine animals is the first step in planning economic development, health, safety and emergency activities and in understanding the breadth of the industry's economic impact."

The statistics will not be used for licensing, testing or any other regulatory activity.

The final report will be available in November, according to the MDA.

Horse owners in Maryland who did not receive a questionnaire in August are asked to request one by calling the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service at (410) 841-5740 or (800) 675-0295. For more information on the Maryland Horse Industry Board visit www.marylandhorseindustry.org.

In memoriam: Billy Boyce

William Graham (Billy) Boyce III, a renowned show rider who nurtured the talents of countless riding students during his lifelong career with horses, died June 24. He was 63.

Raised by his grandmother, the legendary horsewoman Elise Gillet Boyce (Mrs. W. Graham Boyce), at the family's Bacon Hall Farm in Glen-coe, Billy Boyce achieved fame at an early age with the pony

Smokey Joe, who won the American Horse Shows Association national hunter pony championship for six consecutive years, from 1954 to 1959, among many other distinctions.

In the mid-1960s, Boyce and his grandmother established Bacon Hall Equestrian Center, which became a hub of activity, offering boarding and training in addition to



Billy Boyce achieved fame with six-time national hunter pony champion Smokey Joe.

lessons. Schooling shows at Bacon Hall were noted for their informality, with no age limits. Children were not asked to leave the ring after the third refusal, as in recognized shows, and "if a child is having trouble with a pony the judge may even get out and coax the animal along," noted *The Maryland Horse* in a 1979 interview with Mrs. Boyce.

Mr. Boyce's marriage to Mary Love Grunow ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of two years, the former Sandra King Kelly; and a son William Graham Boyce IV of Sparks.

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