The mission of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association is to promote, enhance and encourage the breeding, raising and racing of horses in Maryland.

2020 Annual Report

In 2020, a new and permanent home for the MHBA was established at 321 Main Street in Reisterstown.
Horse of the Year, Champion Male: KINCGS GO

Champion 2-Year-Old Filly: STREET LUTE
Ch.f., 2018, by Street Magician—Ablittah, by Midnight Lute. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman.Owned by Lucky 7 Stables. Trained by John J. Robb. Faded at Fair Hill Training Center, Chesterfield.

Champion 2-Year-Old Male: JAXON TRAVELER

Champion 3-Year-Old Filly, Champion Turf Runner: SHARING

Champion 3-Year-Old Male: FIELD PASS

Champion Older Female: NEVER ENOUGH TIME

2020 Broodmare of the Year: LOVE’S REASON
Owner: Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds and Ellen Charles

2020 Stallion of the Year: GREAT NOTION
Owner: Southside Thoroughbreds, Race and Stay, Chatham, Virginia.

2020 Breeder of the Year: ANGIE MOORE

Maryland Horse Breeders Association Member Benefits

- MBHA membership can take advantage of the following benefits:
- Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred
  - Free annual subscription to our award-winning monthly publication, print and online
  - Up to 20% in advertising value for NTRA membership/NTRA Advantage group purchasing
  - Featuring significant savings on nationally known products and services via www.NTRA.com

- EquineSavings.com Membership
  - Delivering the best products to the entire equine world and providing exceptional value for all www.EquineSavings.com, 877-805-0044

- North American Trainer Magazine
  - Free annual subscription to our quarterly horse racing magazine for the training and development of the Thoroughbred industry

Additional discounts:
- Discounted initial TOBA membership fee for MBHA members joining TOBA for the first time
- Discounts on IBRS/Jockey Club reports
- Discounts on MHBA-sponsored events
- Discounted rates for major racing events, museums, etc.
- Perpetual会员 10% off services

MBHA Member Maryland License Plates
- Eligibility with your membership
- FREE VA PARLING at Fimlico and Laurel
- Discounts to register Maryland-licensed Member Plate holders

And more benefits:
- The opportunity to join Atlantic Financial Federal Credit Union
- Membership card for free entry at Maryland racetracks
- Access to extensive research library
- At the offices of the MBHA
- Irritation to MBHA and Maryland Million events
- Legislative representation and advocacy
- Additional Breeder/Owner ONLY benefits:
  - Full voting privileges
  - Discounts to register Maryland-breds

Breeders/Owner membership $50
- All regular benefits
- Exempt breeder/owner members from all Maryland Million events

Breeders/Owner membership $250
- All regular benefits including: the Thoroughbred Manual, the annual MHBA magazine, In America by Sagamore Press; and the annual General Stud Book and American Stud License chart

Additional resources go hand-in-hand with the MHF's educational programs, which engage a wide audience of equestrian-inclined youth and young adults in an effort to recruit and encourage the next generation to carry on the legacy of Maryland's horse industry. But most importantly, it’s the kids who get interested in learning more about horses in Maryland, to visit and explore.

The Maryland Horse Library and Education Center will bring it all together for the MHF and finally allow the MBHA’s reference library to stand up for itself, just as it always should have been.

However, the reference library includes the complete collections of the Bowie Library’s Selima Room, The Jockey Club’s Racing In America and the annual American Race Horse series published by Sagamore Press, Blood-Horse magazines dating to the early 1930s, Maryland Horse magazines dating to the first issue in 1936, The American Racing Manual dating to the mid-1920s, signed first editions of Dick Francis’ mystery novels, Maryland Hunt Cup history books, a collection donated by Alan G. Vanderbilt’s family, including his personal journals and books, Daily Racing Form chart books dating to the early 1920s; and complete sets of American Stud Book.

"It’s a big project, but it’s coming alive which is great and it’s got a lot of enthusiasm, which is really great, and it will grow. It’s infectious and the key to it is seeing it," said Goodall. "The problem over the years may have been that people couldn’t see it, it wasn’t on the cover, it wasn’t flashy for them for years. But now it’s really. It’s really a good opportunity.

"When the Maryland Horse Foundation, it’s education and getting more people interested in loving the horse industry. You need to have that opportunity. The further and further away people get from the horses, the more you need to reinforce, so you have to find them ways to be associated with horses and that’s what I hope we do. We’ve worked very hard to make sure there are ways to keep people in this business and keep people employed and doing what they love, and that’s a big deal too, that’s the foundation.

The goal of the capital campaign is to raise $1 million to update 3,500 square feet in the building, purchase furnishings, integrate current audio/visual technologies and support ongoing operation costs. Depending on the progress of the campaign, the committee hopes to start renovating the building by summer 2021.

As of early June 2021, support had been robust as $420,000 had already been committed.

Visit www.MarylandThoroughbred.com to learn about the various ways you can support the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center Capital Campaign.
The Maryland Fund was created by the General Assembly in 1962. Maryland was the first state to develop a legislated incentive program to encourage the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing.

In Maryland, there are five categories through which monies for Maryland-breds are made available: 1) purse money for races for registered Maryland-breds; 2) awards for owners of registered Maryland-breds finishing first, second or third; 3) awards for breeders of registered Maryland-breds finishing first, second or third; 4) awards for stallions who sire registered Maryland-breds finishing first, second or third; and 5) bonus awards for the highest-earning 2 and 3-year-olds shown at the Maryland-bred registry and computing and distributing all bonus awards, is performed by the MHBA.

Breeder and stallion award percentages are determined on a bi-annual basis on the advice of the Maryland Fund Advisory Committee. Owner award percentages are determined by a separate agreement. (For Maryland Million day, breeder and stallion award percentages are determined annually.) Awards are paid as soon as practical.

The largest market for horses bred in Maryland is horse racing, an industry that is closely regulated by state government. In addition, while not well understood, horse breeding is an especially important segment of Maryland agriculture. The economic well-being of racing and breeding is very much a function of the political process. It is essential to the health of our industry that we educate our elected officials and support those who work with us on issues vital to our interests.

More information on MBRF is available in the March 2021 Thoroughbred Purse Account (MTPA), totaled nearly $3.1 million. Breeder award percentages in 2020 were $3,358,082 and stallion bonuses were $520,284. Owner award percentages, paid by the Maryland Thoroughbred Purse Account (MTPA), totaled nearly $3.1 million. More information on MBRF is available in the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred magazine, which is the 2020 Statistical Review issue, or on MarylandThoroughbred.com

The Maryland Horse Fund (MHF) was chartered in 1988 by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) to serve various educational and charitable needs of the Maryland horse industry. The MHF supports a number of programs and is responsible for the maintenance and expansion of the Maryland Horse reference library. The MHF is nonprofit and tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; contributions and gifts are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program
The Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program (MTPC) is an educational program launched in 2017 by the MHF. The MTPC aims to:
- Increase awareness of the diverse career options in the Thoroughbred industry
- Give participants access to leaders in all facets of the Maryland Thoroughbred industry
- Highlight various paths for pursuing a career in the Thoroughbred industry
- Address a critical need to attract and retain experienced employees

Over the course of several days, participants are encouraged to fully engage in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry and explore a multitude of career options. Graduates of the MTPC are eligible to apply for Career Development Funds, one-time funding that can be used to further career pursuits within two years after their program ends.

Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame
Established in 2013 by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) and the Maryland Racing Media Association (MRMA), our Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame illuminates the accomplishments of Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds.

A committee consisting of journalists, breeders, owners and racing industry officials, representing a broad cross-section of the Maryland racing and breeding industry, determined to enshrine 12 Maryland-bred horses for the inaugural class of 2013, and as many as two Thoroughbreds have been inducted each subsequent year by selection committee vote.

Though the MHBA has honored Maryland-bred champions annually, induction into this Hall of Fame is a distinct honor for important Maryland-bred horses. The MHOF serves as a repository of information about those horses that have brought positive attention to the heritage and industry in Maryland.

Since its inception, the Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame inductions have been run in a manner that virtually the MHBA is able to establish a permanent facility in which to enshrine inductees. A celebration of the inaugural class was held at Pimlico on May 11, 2013. Those in the first class were Broad Brush, Challedon, Cigar, Find, Gallantette, Jameela, Politely, Safely Kept, Twist and Vertex and steplechasers Elridge and Jay Trump.

There have been two inductions each year since: 2014–Concern and Tacitus, 2015–Awd and Little Bold John; 2016–Dave’s Friend and Kauai King; 2017–Deputed Testamony and Good Night Shirt; 2018–Caesar’s Wish and El Gran Senor; 2019–Social Outcast and Youth; 2020–Heavenly Cause and connections to What a Summer.

Records, photos and background on all the inductees are found on MdThoroughbredHallofFame.com.
The MBHA Yearling Show is open to all yearlings eligible for Maryland-bred registration. Usually held on the last Sunday in June, it is judged on the same day as the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center open house. The MBHA has purchased a building in Historic Reisterstown in Baltimore County in April 2020. The location is near renowned Sagamore Farm and the illustrious Maryland Hunt Cup Course and just a short drive from historic Pimlico Racecourse. This move began the journey to have a place to house the existing reference library and the quest to develop an education center component. This new project brings MBHA full circle back to the roots and the vision of an organization that was formed in 1929. The men who decided that it was important to have a formal organization with the mission “to promote, enhance and encourage the breeding, raising and racing of horses in Maryland” were forward thinkers and understood the industry’s true value. All you have to do is look back to see their guidance and direction, our Maryland Horse Breeders Association confirms their commitment and dedication to horse sports and the importance of Maryland land being devoted to horses. That brings us to today and the lesson is you must look back to see the way forward. Especially in the year of Covid, it is history that has helped us to understand that we can survive a pandemic and an adapting Thoroughbred industry. You can see it has happened before, and we have learned from it and moved on from it.

The MBHA has learned lessons from many challenges over 90 years and will continue to do so, but the most important is the need to educate. This mission has become the most important tenet of the Maryland Horse Foundation (MHF). Established in 1988 as a 501(c)3 charitable entity, MHF has focused on education since 2017 with the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program (MCTP). And while we have a new home for our educational center there will be many more opportunities to educate people, both young and old. The MBHA will continue to do all that we have done for many years including advocating and engaging with the public and the diverse group of political representatives that we have in Maryland. Also, leveraging those relationships and being a voice in Maryland. The Maryland Breed Race Fund (MBRF) was launched in 1962 as the first state-bred incentive fund. Now every state with an active breeding industry has incentives, so those efforts have become competitive in this region. The MBHA serves as the registrar of Maryland-bred horses and administers the MBRF at the direction of the Maryland Racing Commission. Our award-winning magazine, Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred, is widely recognized as an industry resource. The Maryland Horse Weekly is our email news and reminder resource. And most importantly, branding all that we do as Maryland Horse with our Maryland Flag horse logo. With over 100,000 track horse stickers distributed to date this has been very successful effort that has positioned Maryland as a future endeavors. Our brand Maryland Horse continues the tradition that was inaugurated as the Maryland Horse magazine in 1956. That publication covered all aspects of the industry and was the voice in Maryland. As MBHA moves forward with the plans for the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center we will honor our history while shaping the future of the horse industry in Maryland. It takes a community to do what we do every day so it is important to thank our Board members, MBHA members and staff members for their dedication to our mission. Please visit our websites, Facebook, and twitter accounts www.MarylandThoroughbred.com www.MarylandHorseFoundation.com

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred, the only monthly magazine dedicated to the Thoroughbred industry in the region, serves to promote Thoroughbred breeding and racing in the eight-state Mid-Atlantic region, including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Published since 1991, this award-winning monthly magazine is informative and entertaining with a fresh professional design. The magazine provides news, information, education and entertainment to Thoroughbred owners, trainers, breeders and enthusiasts throughout the region. Find the magazine online at www.MidAtlanticTB.com.

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