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## Meeting the board

This is one of a series of profiles of current MHBA directors

### Richard F. Blue Jr.

The racing business “got into my blood” at an early age, said Maryland Horse Breeders Association board member Richard F. (Richie) Blue Jr.

“My grandfather was trainer Alec Bullock. He and my grandmother had a farm and raised and raced Thoroughbreds,” Blue said. “My grandfather trained for Lynn Howard, the son of Seabiscuit owner Charles Howard.”

Blue worked at his grandparents’ farm and at the track part-time while attending Towson State (now Towson) University. He has made his career in commercial real estate and is co-owner of Blue & Obrecht Realty LLC, but maintains an active involvement in the Thoroughbred business.

Blue usually has four or five broodmares at his 27-acre farm in Brooklandville, Md., and four horses in training at any given time. His best-known horse is Root Boy, the graded stakes winner who battled back to health in a heroic manner after being badly injured in the 1993 Maryland Million Classic and who has made a successful stud career at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md.

As for his views of the current state of Maryland’s Thoroughbred industry: “It seems



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as if the Maryland horse business is at a crossroads,” said Blue. “We could easily be swallowed up by the surrounding states.”

What’s needed, Blue said, is “an infusion of money. We need to work on getting more money into the business so there’s a higher demand for Maryland-bred horses. Then people are going to want to breed them and race them.”

Blue would like to bolster the Maryland Million, of which he served as president for three years, from 1998 to 2000. “I’d

like to see the Maryland Million become the Maryland Two Million or Three Million,” he said.

He also believes it’s important for the breeding industry to have a major presence in Annapolis. “We need to continue to make sure that the Maryland legislature is aware of the issues concerning Maryland breeders,” said Blue.

Blue and his wife Lisa have three daughters: Alexie, 18, Wendy, 16, and Bennett 12, all of whom help raise the family’s foals and take care of the broodmares. /Sarah Mesa



## MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



### Bridge Out Again

**Rollicking Stakes**  
\$60,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered  
Maryland-bred 2-year-olds.  
Laurel Park, Oct. 14.

Dk.b./br.c., 2000, by Concern—Daytime Princess, by Brent's Prince. Bred, owned and trained by Richard W. Small. Foaled at Roland Farm, Chestertown, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
5	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	\$65,445
(through Oct. 14)				

**2002:** 1st \$60,000 **Rollicking S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Oct. 14; 3rd **Maryland Million Nursery S**.

Richard W. (Dickie) Small is still feeling the influence of Broad Brush, the multiple Grade 1 winner and subsequent leading sire whom he trained in the mid-1980s.

Rollicking Stakes hero Bridge Out Again is bred, owned and trained by Small, and is a son of Concern—the Broad Brush colt whom Small trained to win the 1994 Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and earn \$3,079,350.

Bridge Out Again has a long way to go before catching up to his illustrious grandsire and sire, but he ranks among the top Maryland-bred colts to emerge so far this season. He broke his maiden in his third start, a \$60,000 maiden claim-

ing event at Belmont Park on July 19, and returned to finish a strong third (a length and a half behind victorious Cherokee's Boy) in the Maryland Million Nursery on September 21.

Not surprisingly, Cherokee's Boy was made odds-on favorite when the two met again, next time out, in the Rollicking. But compromised perhaps by an awkward start, Cherokee's Boy fell a half-length short at the wire, while Bridge Out Again dug in tenaciously, covering the seven furlongs in 1:24.19.

Pud—from the first full crop of Maryland-based stallion Larrupin'—became his sire's first stakes performer as he set the early pace before succumbing in midstretch to finish third. Completing the field were Wing Tips and Awads Award. Bridge Out Again paid \$7.80 to win, as third choice in the field of five Maryland-breds.

Bridge Out Again is the seventh foal from his dam Daytime Princess (Brent's Prince—Bridge Day, by \*Tudor Minstrel), whom Small also trained to much acclaim in the mid-1980s. Owned by Sally M. Gibson, Daytime Princess won

two minor stakes at 2 in 1986, while also placing third in the Spinaway and Matron (both Grade 1). The winner of four races over two seasons, Gibson's filly finished third eight times, all in stakes, and retired with earnings of \$139,051.

Daytime Princess launched her broodmare career for Gibson, and in 1989 produced the very first foal sired by Broad Brush—a colt named Sweep of Daylight, whom Small believes possibly was the most talented runner ever to step inside his barn. Sweep of Daylight finished second in the 1991 Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes, and had two other stakes-placings, but his career was compromised by unsoundness and injury.

When Daytime Princess turned out to be a problem breeder, Gibson sold the mare to Small. And although her produce record remained spotty, Daytime Princess's foals made up in quality what they lacked in quantity. Small has bred four stakes performers from the mare, with the others being the Broad Brush fillies Tookin Down (\$419,458, Violet H-G3, Maryland Racing Writers S, Long Look S, etc.) and Phyxius (\$139,930, 2nd Holly S, etc.), in addition to Ay Alo (\$51,732, 2nd Bobby Hale S), a son of Broad Brush's half-brother Hay Halo.

Daytime Princess died in the spring of 2001 after producing a full brother to Bridge Out Again.

### Kitty Knight

**Heavenly Cause Stakes**  
\$60,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered  
Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies.  
Laurel Park, Oct. 14.

Dk.b./br.f., 2000, by Capote—Let's Toast, by Miswaki. Bred by Mrs. Richard C. duPont; owned by Bohemia Stable; trained by H. Allen Jerkens. Foaled at Woodstock Farm, Chesapeake City, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
2	2 (1)	0	0	\$63,000
(through Oct. 14)				

**2002:** 1st \$60,000 **Heavenly Cause S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Oct. 14.

Allaire duPont once had a gelding who ruled the racing world. He, of course, was Kelson, five-time horse of the year in the 1960s.

But female families reign at duPont's Woodstock Farm in Chesapeake City, Md.

From Politely, a two-time Maryland-bred horse of the year (1967 and '68), to Shine Again (who this year carried Mrs. duPont's colors to victory in Saratoga's Grade 1 Ballerina Handicap for the second time in a row), fillies and mares—frequently daughters and granddaughters of homebred stakes winners—often provide the star-power in duPont's racing operation known as Bohemia Stable.

Kitty Knight, winner of the Heavenly Cause Stakes on October 14, is continuing the tradition. Undefeated in two starts for trainer Allen Jerkens, who has conditioned many of duPont's best runners, Kitty Knight launched her career with a two and a quarter-length score in a six-furlong maiden special weight, over a



DOUBLE J PHOTO/JIM McCUE (2)

sloppy track, at Belmont Park on September 27.

As the overwhelming 2-5 favorite in the Heavenly Cause, Kitty Knight proceeded to remove any lingering doubts about her ability. Though jostled at the start, she fought for the early lead and took command in the stretch before drawing off to triumph by two and a half lengths in a seven-furlong time of 1:26.19.

Next (in order of finish) came Mark Aim Fire, Butiwill-flysome day, Demetra's Love, Ministeroftrucks, Bayou Jenny, Run Me Down and Farrus' Smile.

Kitty Knight (by Kentucky-based Capote) is a granddaughter of the Storm Bird mare Give a Toast, whom Mrs. duPont campaigned to win the 1987 Beaugay Handicap-G3. DuPont acquired Give a Toast through Top Yield Bloodstock, which purchased her for \$235,000 at the 1984 Keeneland summer yearling sale. Give a Toast raced for duPont throughout her career, winning or placing in 11 of 21 starts, including four stakes wins, for earnings of \$222,766. She no longer resides at Woodstock, having been sold at the 1997 Keeneland November sale for \$37,000 (in foal to Two Punch).

While owned by Mrs. duPont, Give a Toast produced three fillies who earned more than \$100,000: stakes winner Crafty Toast (\$219,128, All Brandy S), Rum Punch (\$117,900) and \$110,479-earner Let's Toast, a daughter of Miswaki who produced as her first foal Kitty Knight.

Let's Toast has a yearling filly by Cozzene and a 2002 Southern Halo colt. Although bred to Polish Numbers this year, she is not in foal.

## Willa On the Move



### Politely Stakes

\$60,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred 3-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Nov. 2.

Ch.f., 1999, by Two Punch—Willa Joe (Ire), by El Gran Senor. Bred by Robert L. Quinichett; owned by Marathon Farms Inc.; trained by Rodney Jenkins. Foaled at Green Willow Farms, Westminster, Md.

starts	Lifetime			earnings
	1st	2nd	3rd	
6	3 (1)	3 (3)	0	\$193,050 (through Nov. 2)

2002: 1st \$60,000 Politely S, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Nov. 2; 2nd Acorn S-G1, Azalea Breeders' Cup S-G3, Miss Preakness S-G3.

Racing fans of a certain age did a double-take last February when a 3-year-old filly named Willa On the Move stepped out in competition for the first time and blew away her rivals in a maiden special weight at Laurel Park.

*Willa On the Move?* Wasn't she the superbly talented filly who carried the banner for Maryland back in the 1980s? How could such a distinctive name appear again so soon? Must have been a Jockey Club mistake.

There's no error involved, said Jockey Club registrar Buddy Bishop. The original Willa On the Move, who made most of her broodmare career in Japan, had not produced a registered foal in five years when the name was applied for, once again, in 2000.

Harry Strovel, racing manager for Peter Angelos and his Marathon Farms, came up with the idea of naming the filly, purchased by Marathon Farms for \$47,000 at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic East-

# New Maryland Fund registration fees

■ The annual fee for Maryland Fund stallion registration increases to \$250 for 2003. Registered stallions earn a bonus every time one of their registered offspring wins a race within the state. Stallion registration must be renewed each year and is effective when the fee is received.

Additional fee increases took effect June 1, 2002. Fees for Maryland-bred registration are as follows:

- Birth through May 31 of the yearling year—\$75 for MHBA members; \$175 for non-members.
- After May 31 of the yearling year—\$200 for MHBA members; \$300 for non-members.
- Breeder-owner membership dues are \$100 per year.

For more information call the MHBA at (410) 252-2100.



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## Maryland's top 20 earners in 2002

(through Nov. 16)

1. Magic Weisner . . . \$791,000
2. Shine Again . . . . . 425,500
3. Your Out . . . . . 269,850
4. Deer Run . . . . . 237,920
5. Sheila's Prospect . . 222,733
6. For Rubies . . . . . 200,390
7. Willa On the Move . 193,050
8. Shiny Band . . . . . 183,054
9. Shiny Sheet . . . . . 180,400
10. Rosthern . . . . . 177,966
11. La Reine's Terms . . 170,680
12. Acrolect . . . . . 167,260
13. He's a Knockout . . 159,600
14. Feathers . . . . . 159,383
15. Sassy Hound . . . . . 153,240
16. Duckhorn . . . . . 150,624
17. Tres Touche . . . . . 148,778
18. Cherokee's Boy . . . 145,929
19. Buenos Dias . . . . . 143,880
20. Ghostly Numbers . . 140,730

ern Fall Yearling sale, after the top-class runner from the same family.

The "new" Willa On the Move is out of a half-sister to the original Willa On the Move. Both were bred by Robert Quinichett, a retired businessman from Silver Spring, Md.

Quinichett campaigned Willa On the Move, a 1985 daughter of Assert (Ire), until midway through her spectacular 3-year-old season, which included victories in the Grade 1 Ashland Stakes and four other added-money events. Quinichett sold the 3-year-old filly to Ron Lamarque, co-owner of 1988 Preakness/Belmont Stakes winner

Risen Star in early August that year. The price for the private transaction was not disclosed.

The "original" Willa won or placed in 11 of 13 starts, four in Grade 1 company, registering seconds in the Spinster and Gazelle, and thirds in the Kentucky Oaks and Alabama Stakes. She earned \$442,063.

Willa On the Move produced five foals, all but the first born in Japan; none earned distinction on the race track, though two were minor winners.

Quinichett bought the dam of the first Willa On the Move—Willamae (by Tentam out of the Hoist the Flag mare Raclette)—as a yearling at Keene-

land in 1981 for \$55,000. Willa On the Move was the first foal for Willamae, who also is the dam of multiple Grade 1 winner Will's Way (\$956,400) and stakes winner Lady Reiko (Ire), plus stakes-placed (and leading Maryland sire) Citi-dancer and Sweet Willa.

Willamae's unraced daughter Willa Joe (Ire), a foal of 1990 by El Gran Senor, produced the current Willa On the Move as her fifth foal and second stakes performer. Her 4-year-old Holy Bull filly Erin Moor is graded stakes-placed.

Quinichett, who is phasing out of the horse business, sold Willa Joe for \$260,000 (in foal to Pulpit) at the 2002 Keeneland January sale. He still owns two of Willa Joe's offspring—her 1996 Septieme Ciel filly Miss Keyonna, who is boarded at Welker Farm in Kentucky and is Quinichett's only remaining broodmare, and her yearling Coronado's Quest filly, currently in training in Florida.

Willa On the Move, the current 3-year-old, is rapidly emerging as the new star of

the clan. Never worse than second in six career starts, she won an allowance race at Delaware Park in early May, then moved immediately to graded stakes competition and was runner-up three times in a row—in Pimlico's Miss Preakness-G3 (won by Vesta, on May 16), Belmont Park's Acorn-G1 (You, June 7) and Calder's Azalea Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3 (Bold World, July 13).

Each time there were excuses, noted Strovel, with the Azalea being the worst. "She was knocked to her knees

coming out of the gate, and carried five-wide on the turn," Strovel said.

In the Politely, against Maryland-breds on November 2, Willa On the Move tolerated no hindrances. The odds-on favorite, she swept to command going into the stretch and drew clear to win by 11 lengths under a hand ride, covering the seven furlongs in 1:22.62. Left in her wake were Gazillion, Phyxius, True Sensation, Dante's Rocket, Miss Cap and Singing Sword. ✪

## Backstretch Scholarship Program distributes \$21,000



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Maryland Racing Media Association president Tom Keyser presented checks to Backstretch Scholarship recipients (from left) Pajeen Delp, Brian Kraft, Shannon Naecker, Jane Marie Allen and Michelle Colaric. The presentation took place at the annual MRMA Crab Feast held October 11 at Laurel Park.

Nine Maryland backstretch workers received scholarships totaling \$21,000 in this year's Backstretch Scholarship Program.

The program is sponsored by the Maryland Racing Media Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund and Milton P. Higgins III, each of whom provided \$5,000, plus an anonymous donor who contributed \$1,000.

"By their reaction, and sometimes also by their parents' reaction, you'd think [the awards were] a million dollars," said MRMA president Tom Keyser.

Laura Watson received the inaugural Eddie McMullen Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of the former jockey and trainer, who for many years supervised the press box at Maryland tracks.

Laura, a hotwalker for Charles Hadry, received \$5,000.

This is the second straight year she received a MRMA grant, following upon last year's award of \$3,000. Watson is a senior at University of Maryland College Park studying to become a veterinarian. Her record since transferring to the University in spring 2001 is exemplary: 3.938 grade-point-average based on four A+'s, 11 A's and one very lonely B.

"She is a very hard-working young lady, usually possessing two or three other jobs to help save money for school," Hadry wrote of Laura. "It has been a joy to watch Laura grow and mature throughout the years, and I know she will make a great vet one day."

Three backstretch workers received scholarships of \$3,000: Jennifer Brassier, Blake Patrick Curry and Brandon Lingenfelter.

Jennifer is an exercise rider for Rodney Jenkins who rides every morning and attends classes in the afternoon. She is a sophomore at the University of Maryland College Park studying human health and fitness. She, too, earns admirable marks: 3.75 grade-point-average. Brassier is currently taking a class in stress management, "something," she writes, "that I believe every single person [especially trainers] would benefit from in such a competitive and unpredictable sport."

Blake is an exercise rider for Mary Eppler. He is a senior at University of Baltimore and

studies business and political science with a high degree of success. His 3.468 grade-point-average attests to that. Mary praises Blake for his "integrity, maturity and motivation," and Charles McGill, for whom Blake rides one of the barn's more difficult horses, wrote that Blake "has the potential to become a leader in the community and an effective advocate for the industry."

Brandon, a groom for Howard Wolfendale, received a scholarship for the second year in a row. Last year he received \$3,500. Brandon obtained a bachelor of science degree from Frostburg State University and now attends West Virginia University in hopes of obtaining a master's degree and becoming a veterinarian. At Frostburg he maintained a grade-point-average of 2.8.

Two backstretch workers received scholarships of \$2,000: Michelle L. Colaric and Jane Marie Allen.

After earning a degree in biology with a minor in psychology at University of Maryland Baltimore County, Michelle studies for her master's degree in education at UMBC. An assistant to her father, trainer Hamilton Smith, Michelle has earned all A's in her two semesters of graduate school.

Jane works as a hotwalker and groom for her father, trainer A. Ferris Allen III. She studies animal sciences at Virginia Tech and hopes to become a trainer or veterinarian.

Jane earned a 2.44 grade-point-average in her most recent semester.

Three backstretch workers received scholarships of \$1,000: **Geneva Pajeen Delp, Brian M. Kraft** and **Shannon Naecker**.

Pajeen works as an exercise rider for her father, trainer Bud Delp. After attending Howard Community College and maintaining a 3.4 grade-point-average, Pajeen transferred to University of Maryland College Park. She is pursuing a career in writing.

Brian, a groom for Larry Smith, achieved a stellar record—92.33 average—in four years

at Calvert Hall College High School. He was accepted this fall into the prestigious A. James Clark School of Engineering at University of Maryland. He studies electrical engineering.

Shannon is an exercise rider for Tim Keefe and a third-year student at Howard Community College. She studies nursing and maintains a 2.364 grade-point-average. Shannon plans on graduating next May, transferring to University of Maryland for bachelor's studies and then obtaining a job in a shock-trauma unit of an area hospital.



DOUBLE PHOTO

**Laura Watson (far left) received the Backstretch Scholarship Program's inaugural Eddie McMullen Memorial Scholarship, presented to the top recipient. Other winners, with Maryland Racing Media Association president Tom Keyser, are (from left): Brandon Lingenfelter, Jennifer Brassler and Blake Curry.**

# University of Maryland Equine Studies

Story by Sarah Mesa

Photographs courtesy of University of Maryland

Students in Maryland have gotten used to traveling to Virginia, Pennsylvania or farther to learn about horses. But with the introduction of two new faculty members in equine studies, thousands of dollars in renovations and improvements and an ambitious long-term plan, the University of Maryland College Park is bringing equine learning opportunities closer to home.

A new initiative by the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences and the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) is making horses a top priority at the state's flagship school.

An equine business management certificate is available through the IAA and a new animal sciences faculty member, Dr. Amy Ordakowski, is developing classes for students working toward an undergraduate degree in ani-

mal science with an emphasis on equine studies.

Dr. Ordakowski, lecturer and horse extension specialist in the animal sciences department, said the success of the program will be determined in part by the support it receives from the local horse industry. "They need to tell us what they want to see here so they feel like they have a stake in what we're doing," she says. "I'm not so sure the industry thinks it needs this program, but it does. We are educating the future leaders and workers who will give back to the industry."

What the university's equine studies program must do, according to Ordakowski, is make sure that Maryland students have the skills necessary to enrich the state's horse industry. She wants Maryland students to be able to apply to graduate schools, including



**Dr. Amy Ordakowski is an equine science lecturer in the Animal Sciences department.**

veterinary school, in addition to being competitive in the job market.

While Ordakowski is trying to give Maryland's undergraduate students a strong

equine science background, Erin Peterson, IAA lecturer and horse extension specialist, is preparing students to jump right into the horse industry through the equine business management program. "The type of people we hope to attract is continuing education adults and people who want to manage breeding, boarding and training farms," says Peterson.

Through the certificate program, students are required to take business classes that will help prepare them to work for or run a successful company in the horse industry. According to Peterson, many of her students already have a strong horse background and learn even more through lab classes that cover equine reproduction, health, nutrition, behavior and training.

The IAA knows that many adults must pursue continu-



**Erin Peterson heads the new equine business management program.**

ing education while working full-time jobs. "We try to cater to the working adult to an extent," Peterson says. "We try to have night classes. In the future, a lot of classes will be available over the Internet."

Alice Kogut, a student in the business management

program, was drawn to the IAA because of its flexibility. "This is ideal for someone looking for a second career," she says. "Where else is there another program like this around? This is so convenient."

Kogut hopes that her certificate will help her utilize the administrative skills she already has and apply them to a career in the horse industry. "It will be a foot in the door."

Peterson aims to develop competent horse managers who can handle day-to-day situations in her equine laboratory classes. "I want to teach them what they can do as opposed to having to have a vet do everything," says Peterson.

"What I like about the program is it's more hands-on," says Lindsay Callahan, a senior animal sciences major from Laurel, Md. "Other colleges in the area have riding programs but this is more focused on horse management."



**Maryland students study equine anatomy along with reproduction and nutrition.**

In addition to in-class learning, the University of Maryland Equestrian Club gives students an extracurricular opportunity to learn all the aspects of running a lesson facility. Club members manage the campus horses by developing feeding and health management programs, setting up horse training sessions and creating a lesson program for beginning through advanced student riders.

The campus farm is located right across the street from the Animal Sciences building and in the shadow of the University's new athletic arena, the Comcast Center.

"It is absolutely critical to our program to have facilities on campus," says Ordakowski. "We have horses within walking distance of students' dorms"—a convenience no other university offers students.

On-campus facilities include a horse barn that can house 10 horses and two outdoor rings. The university currently has seven horses, including Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses and a Percheron, most of whom were donated to the program.

"We are working on getting a broodmare band of 12 mares, but," Ordakowski points out, "we'll need funding and land near campus and department support." The brood-

mares would give students firsthand experience in breeding, foaling, training and eventually selling young horses.

"It would be great to have broodmares for the reproduction class because right now we have to go off campus to see breeding operations," Peterson says.

Ordakowski and Peterson hope that they are building a program similar to the large, nationally recognized programs that they came from at Virginia Tech and Colorado State University. But they know that they have a long road ahead of them.

"It's going to take at least 10 years to reach that goal," says Ordakowski, "but we hope to have the broodmare band within five years and a graduate program within 10 years."

A graduate program would not only provide educational opportunities, but research that the Maryland horse industry would like to see. Last year the university sent a random survey to members of the local equine industry asking if they would support research at the University of Maryland. An overwhelming 96.4 percent said "yes" and rated equine health and diseases and pasture management as the areas they most wanted researched.

"There is always room in the world for more equine research," said Ordakowski. "Plans are already underway for a rotational grazing study on university property in Clarksville, Md."

Ordakowski is also working to make sure the state's youth have educational opportunities relating to horses long before they get to college.

"I'm in charge of educational 4-H activities like Horse Bowl. I make sure they're given correct information and appropriate levels to be quizzed at," Ordakowski says.

Students and 4-H'ers are not the only ones who can benefit from the newly expanded equine program. The university's equine faculty are available to anyone seeking information on horses in



**Students Sharon Asselin (top) and Rebekah Cosden get hands-on experience.**



Undergraduate students (from left) Rebekah Cosden, Pat Caughlin and Burcu Karagol-Ayan work with university-owned horses, including Gryphn, a 21-year-old retired Thoroughbred.

Maryland through an outreach program with the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service.

"The main thing our outreach program can do is serve as an information resource," according to Ordakowski. "People can call us and ask about anything. We do consultations for broodmare farms and all types of horse farms on nutrition and management. If we don't know the answer to your question, we'll find someone who does."

Anyone looking for information relating to horses in Maryland can also refer to the equine studies webpage. The website offers links to Maryland farms, breed and activity organizations, equine research studies and extension outreach programs and information.

For more information on the University of Maryland's Equine Studies Program, visit [www.equinestudies.umd.edu](http://www.equinestudies.umd.edu) or contact Dr. Amy Ordakowski at (301) 405-8337, e-mail [ao38@umail.umd.edu](mailto:ao38@umail.umd.edu). ❖

## Fair Hill International features custom farewell



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David O'Connor rode his Olympic gold medal mount Custom Made to victory in the U.S. Equestrian Team Eventing Three-Star Fall Championship at the Fair Hill International in Fair Hill, Md., on October 28. It was the final appearance for Custom Made, a 17-year-old Thoroughbred owned by Xandarius LLC. O'Connor won the Fair Hill championship for the second consecutive year and sixth time overall (1993, '95, '97, '99, '01, '02).

## Smelly gone too soon

Smelly, a stakes winner and the "pride and joy" of owner Robert Watkins, died of an apparent aneurysm on September 21 at At Last Farm in Aquasco, Md. The 15-year-old stallion stood at stud there since 1993 and covered about four or five mares a year.

Watkins purchased Smelly (a Kentucky-bred son of Judge Smells out of the Summing mare Toronto Tea) at the 1988 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Yearling sale for \$23,000, a price Watkins recalled as expensive

for a colt whose dam never raced.

"He was a marvelous-looking athlete," said Watkins. "He looked like a sprinter but actually did better with the longer distances."

Smelly raced until age 5, earning \$308,862 in 26 starts. He won or placed in six stakes, highlighted by a ten-length victory in the Grade 3 Federico Tesio Stakes and a second-place finish in the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes, over future Kentucky



Derby-G1 hero and champion Unbridled. "Smelly was in Kentucky as a 3-year-old, headed for the Derby," Watkins says, "when he fractured a sesamoid. The injury compromised him and he just wasn't the same again." ❖

Touch of St Mary's, from Smelly's first full crop in 1994 (he had a foal from a test breeding in 1992), would be his best runner, earning \$123,779 in 23 starts, with five wins and four stakes-placings. ❖



## MARYLAND FUND REPORT

### Breeder bonuses

Acorn Hill Farm, Inc.—CASE OF THE BLUES: 7th race, \$725.46.  
 Bender and Bender LLC—AL'S GAMBLE: 4th race, \$181.37.  
 LA REINE'S TERMS: 8th race, \$1,995.02. (\$2,176.39)  
 Bonita Farm—EESSEE'S LASS: 6th race, \$181.37.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—IRONTON: 4th race, \$725.46.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Allen's Prospect Syndicate—STAR SLUGGER: 1st race, \$181.37. UNDERCOVER: 3rd race, \$1,995.02. (\$2,176.39)  
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 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Press Card Syndicate—KEN DOLL: 1st race, \$362.73.  
 Buckingham Farm—TOP OF THE NEWS: 1st race, \$997.51.  
 C & T Stable—SMILE MY LORD: 9th race, \$725.46.  
 Dark Hollow Farm—FOLLOW THE QUEEN: 5th race, \$181.37.  
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 Rosalee C. Davison—TAMAYO: 3rd race, \$725.46.  
 Mrs. Richard C. duPont and John Franks—STORM VERSE: 8th race, \$181.37.  
 William R. Harris—DEER RUN: 9th race, \$1,995.02.  
 C. Frank Hopkins—ELBERTON: 8th race, \$725.46.

Larry E. Knight Sr.—HAY GETOUTOFMYWAY: 10th race, \$725.46.  
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 Marathon Farm Inc.—CARNIE'S DANCER: 3rd race, \$362.73. MOJO GAL: 2nd race, \$997.51. (\$1,360.24)  
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 Robert E. Meyerhoff—CONCERNED MINISTER: 10th race, \$399.  
 Steven K. Meyer—CARNEY'S PROSPECT: 10th race, \$217.64.  
 T.C. Patterson—GRACEFULCITI: 7th race, \$362.73.  
 Richard W. Small—BRIDGE OUT AGAIN: 4th race, \$362.73.  
 Hamilton A. Smith—NO HALOS HERE: 3rd race, \$181.37.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—ORPHAN EMMALI: 2nd race, \$90.68. SUZY WRONG: 2nd race, \$362.73. (\$453.41)  
 ZWP Stable—CHEROKEE'S BOY: 4th race, \$1,995.02.

### Stallion bonuses

ALLEN'S PROSPECT (Camey's Prospect: 10th race, \$108.82.  
 Hay Getoutofmyway: 10th race, \$362.72. Orphan Em-

## Statistics for Maryland Million Day: Pimlico - September 21, 2002

Total handle	Funds available to Maryland Fund	Breakage	Distributed
\$3,259,955	\$30,031	\$1,300	\$30,032

### Fund expenditures:

Breeder awards .....	\$20,385
Stallion awards.....	6,565
Maryland Million purses .....	1,501
Administration.....	1,580
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$30,032</b>

mal: 2nd race, \$45.34. Star Slugger: 1st race, \$90.68. Undercover: 3rd race, \$997.48): Allen's Prospect Syndicate—\$1,605.04.  
 CARNIVALAY (Carnie's Dancer: 3rd race, \$181.36): Carnivalay Syndicate.  
 CITIDANCER (Cherokee's Boy: 4th race, \$997.48. Gracefulciti: 7th race, \$181.36): Citidancer Syndicate—\$1,178.84.  
 CONCERN (Astrid: 7th race, \$90.68. Bridge Out Again: 4th race, \$181.36. Concerned Minister: 10th race, \$199.50. Filmore: 1st race, \$45.34): Concern Syndicate—\$516.88.  
 DEPUTED TESTAMONY (Eesee's Lass: 6th race, \$90.68): Deputed Testimony Syndicate.  
 IN CASE (Case of the Blues: 7th race, \$362.72): In Case Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Follow the Queen: 5th race, \$90.68. Ironton: 4th race, \$362.72. Smile My Lord: 9th race, \$362.72): Not For Love Syndicate—\$816.12.  
 PERFECTING (Elberton: 8th race, \$362.72): Elberton Hill Farm.  
 POLISH NUMBERS (Rachelle's Numbers: 5th race, \$362.72): Polish Numbers Syndicate.  
 TAMAYAZ (Tamayo: 3rd race, \$362.72): Tamayaz Syndicate.  
 TWO PUNCH (Quick Punch: 9th race, \$90.68): Two Punch Syndicate.  
 VALLEY CROSSING (Breezy Bri: 6th race, \$362.72. Valley Parking: 2nd race, \$90.68): Valley Crossing Syndicate—\$453.40.  
 YARROW BRAE (Butiwillflysomeday: 5th race, \$181.36): Yarrow Brae Syndicate—\$181.36.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding farm \_\_\_\_\_

farm owned

mares boarded

County \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed Please charge my  Visa  MC

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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