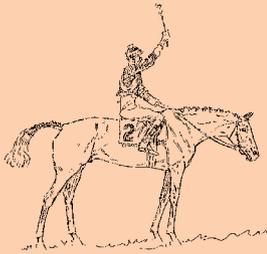


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—FROM MHBA PRESIDENT JOSH PONS—

## View of a farm

### *Ode to the Racing Commission*



Ellen B. Pons

Thumbing absently through a missal while a funeral sermon droned on, I was struck by flying hooves when Psalm 33 reared up:

*A horse is a vain hope for deliverance.  
Despite all its great strength, it cannot save.*

The proverb cautions that horses alone cannot win battles. I interpret it to mean that brave people win battles, not mere horses. I smiled at the implied, that a good horse certainly helps the cause.

So what else is new?

To present-day Maryland horse farmers, the “takeaway” from Psalm 33 is that you can’t rely on horses alone to save what’s left of the severely depleted ranks of the state’s horse farms. Sometimes you need help from above, from Annapolis, from intelligent government leadership. This is where the current members of the

Maryland Racing Commission deserve acknowledgement.

The “Big Story” in the Maryland horse industry, and in the national eye as well, is the new Maryland-bred Owner’s and Breeder’s Awards Program, a phase-in plan that, in shorthand, promises to be “30/30/30 by 2015.” A courageous Commission saved horse farms by pushing for modern adjustments to the ancient Maryland-Bred Program, founded in 1962, the first of its kind in the nation.

On Sept. 10, a contract was signed between the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, and the Maryland Jockey Club to reprogram revenues coming into the Purse Dedication Account from slots handle.

So simple at its core, it is merely a “funding mechanism,” and in the days

since Sept. 10, it has casually been referred to merely as "The Agreement."

It took effect at the opening of the Laurel Fall Meet Sept. 19. What a historic day! It marked the first time in the long history of horse breeding in this state that a horse who didn't win was rewarded for finishing second or third, and at 30 percent of the purse earned, no less.

On Opening Day at Laurel, I sat alone in the Ruffian Room on the second floor of Laurel's old clubhouse, watching the monitors, waiting for a Maryland-bred to finish second or third. It took until the fourth race, when Greentree Road held on for second. He was running for a \$5,000 claiming tag while reaching for a \$15,000 slots-enhanced purse.

The purse earned for second place was \$3,150, and the 30-percent Breeder Award came to \$945. In two weeks time, the breeder's check would land in the farm office of one of Maryland's great Thoroughbred establishments, Glade Valley Farm, who had lost Greentree Road on a \$10,000 claim in May.

Greentree Road was bred in the names of Glade Valley owners Sondra and Howard Bender. Mrs. Bender died in 2012. Mr. Bender soldiers on. In recent years, the depressing state of horse breeding in Maryland had prompted thoughts of Glade Valley Farm relocating to Pennsylvania. This is the farmland where Hall of Fame racehorses Challedon and Gallorette were foaled. A check for \$945 may seem small solace, but it's the first

warm breeze of spring for stalwart Maryland breeders. It's a sign. More to come. Hang in there, Mr. Bender.

The Maryland Racing Commission understood the plight of Maryland farms. You lose the farms, you lose Annapolis. No other component of the horse industry is as vested in Maryland as its farms. Anchoring the landscape of communities, the farms stand alone against the pressures of development.

At this old farm, the name "Country Life" carries no small irony these days.

Quietly celebrating the farm's 80th anniversary, farm folk rally in opposition to zoning hearings in nearby Bel Air, where blueprints are passed for 250 "garden" apartments 100 yards from the farm. What could possibly compel a developer to link the word "garden" with the impervious acres of an apartment complex?

These days, though, farm folk are also rededicated to the business of farming. A locally grown horse is worth more than it was before "The Agreement."

There would be no Agreement without the vision of the Maryland Racing Commission.

To the members—in alphabetical order, John Franzone, Ernest Grecco, David Hayden, John McDaniel, Mary Louise Preis, Bruce Quade, Charles Tildon, Louis Ulman and Tom Winebrenner—when you look at the view of a farm from the road as you drive to the next Commission meeting, understand it is here because you were. The proverb says so: A horse alone cannot save. 🐾



## MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

### Ramseys claim success with Awesome Flower

Four-year-old filly Awesome Flower got her second stakes win in her last four tries by taking the \$100,000 HBPA Stakes at Presque Isle Downs Sept. 26. The Michael Maker-trained filly, claimed for \$30,000 for Ken and Sarah Ramsey in her final start of 2012, won for the fifth time in nine trips to the post this year while pushing her 2013 earnings to \$208,959 and her lifetime total \$247,344.

The 5-2 second choice in the 10-horse field of fillies and mares bided her time under Alan Garcia, tracking three-wide down the backstretch in the mile and 70-yard test over the Tapeta before sweeping past to win by 3½ lengths over favorite Primed for Passion. Time was a sharp 1:40.82, fastest of the year at the popular distance.

Awesome Flower came into the race off a third in Churchill Downs' Locust Grove Stakes three weeks earlier. The chestnut daughter of



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Flower Alley recorded her first stakes win in July at Canterbury Park, taking the off-the-turf Lady Canterbury Stakes at a mile.

Bred in Maryland by Tom and Chris Bowman, Milton Higgins III and Three Chimneys Farm, Awesome Flower was initially campaigned by Arnold and Sylvia Heft, who had purchased her for \$45,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic

Eastern Fall Yearling sale from the consignment of Becky Davis. She is one of four winners from as many foals to race for her dam Formalities Aside.

A daughter of Awesome Again, Formalities Aside also has a 2-year-old named If Not For Her and a yearling—both by Not For Love—and in May delivered a filly by Jump Start. 🐾



## MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAP



Lydia A. Williams

### Madame Giry



#### Jameela Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 21.

B.f., 2009, by Castledale (Ire)—Ballet Partner (GB), by First Trump. Bred by Raintree Thoroughbred Farm Inc.; owned by Nutmeg Stable; trained by Cam M. Gambolati. Foaled at Elberton Hill Farm, Darlington, Md.

	Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
15	7 (4)	2	1 (1)	\$399,720	(through Sept. 21)

**2012:** 1st \$80,000 **Smart N Fancy S**, 6 fur., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Belmont, Sept. 12; \$100,000 **Buffalo Trace Franklin County S**, 5½ fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Keeneland, Oct. 12.

**2013:** 1st \$100,000 **Smart and Fancy S**, 5½ fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Saratoga, Aug. 26; \$100,000 **Jameela S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 21; 3rd **Caress S**.

**T**he Jameela Stakes for fillies and mares on the turf at Laurel Park Sept. 21 came down to a stretch duel be-

tween favorites Madame Giry and Ju Ju Eyeballs, with the year-older former besting her 3-year-old rival by a nose.

The race, named for the first Maryland-bred millionaire (Jameela, a foal of 1976, was a stakes winner on the turf but much more successful on the main track), attracted two of the region's top turf sprinting females plus seven others.

Madame Giry came into the 6-furlong Maryland-bred stakes off a win in Saratoga's Smart and Fancy Stakes in August.

Ju Ju Eyeballs won three straight on the turf earlier in the year, starting at Gulfstream Park in March, and counted a win in Monmouth Park's Crank It Up Stakes on the grass, as well as the Just Smashing Stakes at the Jameela's distance on the main track.

Ju Ju Eyeballs, a daughter of the late Maryland sire Gators N Bears, got the jump on Madame Giry and had the lead in midstretch.

But Cornelio Velasquez sent 4-5 favorite Madame Giry after the 3-1 second choice, gained a narrow advantage in the final 70 yards and made it last. The final time was 1:08.11, less than a second off the course record.

The race, worth \$75,000 (plus an additional \$25,000 for Maryland-sired runners), was the fourth stakes win in Madame Giry's 15-start career.

Purchased privately as an unraced 2-year-old by her trainer Cam Gambolati, Madame Giry didn't make her first start until April 2012. After breaking her maiden in her fifth outing, she went on a five-race win streak which included two stakes last year—Belmont Park's edition of the Smart and Fancy and the Buffalo Trace Franklin County at Keeneland.

The Jameela was her seventh win, with two seconds and a third, for earnings of \$399,720.

Bred by Raintree Thoroughbred Farm Inc., a Towson, Md.-based racing partnership headed by founder Russell Schalk Jr., Madame Giry is a daughter of Santa Anita Derby-G1 winner Castledale (Ire) and the only winner from four foals for the First Trump mare Ballet Partner (GB).

Schalk purchased Ballet Partner at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale for \$19,000. Ballet Partner proved to be a solid allowance filly, winning five of her 22 starts for Raintree Racing, and earning \$137,350.

In her only stakes appearance, she finished fifth in the Carousel Stakes at Laurel as a 3-year-old.

Ballet Partner died in 2009, a few months after foaling Madame Giry.

## Child's play at Timonium

Maryland's newest stallion, Spendthrift Farm and Country Life Farm's Freedom Child, was paraded at the Timonium sales grounds Sept. 29 and made an appearance in the sales pavilion.

Campaigned by West Point Thoroughbreds, the 3-year-old son of Malibu Moon and the Deputy Minister mare Bandstand won the Grade 2 Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park this year and will stand the 2014 season at Country Life in Bel Air.



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## — FOND MEMORIES —

# Even at 90, trainer of Vertex recalls class of Maryland-bred

By Cindy Deubler



Courtesy of Maryland Jockey Club

**“He was such an outstanding horse—whenever he was right, I’d just run him,” said trainer Joe Piarulli of Vertex, one of the best handicap horses in the nation in 1958 and ’59.**

It was a frigid, late fall day in Baltimore in 1958. On the early morning of Nov. 29, the day of the 22nd running of the Pimlico Special, the Pimlico track was frozen and only three horses were brave enough to face the hottest horse in training, Frank Piarulli and John Brunetti’s 4-year-old colt Vertex.

Trainer Joe Piarulli was not keen to run the dark chestnut

on a wet track. The best horse his father Frank ever bred and the best he would ever train had battled nagging injuries, including a torn hoof the year before which kept him from the races for more than 10 months. But he was healthy and ready to go. Nearly 55 years later, Piarulli, now 90, recalled the career of Vertex. “He was such an outstanding horse—whenever he was

right, I’d just run him. When he did that, he was just in the best shape he could be in.”

Vertex’s final start of the year came in the invitation-only Pimlico Special (which would be the final running of the famed handicap test until its revival 30 years later). The Special was his third race in November, and would be his fourth victory in the span of 31 days. “The race was there,

it was a good race,” remembered Piarulli. “When you’d win the Pimlico Special, they’d give you a gold cup too.”

The Maryland-bred, one of the best horses in training for three consecutive years, went postward in the non-wagering exhibition—he would have been the overwhelming favorite. The dirt oval recovered from its frozen state to be listed as muddy after the sun helped thaw it and the clods were broken up with “a Campbell pulverizer.”

The race proved to be no contest, as Vertex turned in his customary no holds barred effort, going to the lead and never relinquishing it as he strolled home to win by 1¼ lengths under regular rider and Baltimore native Sam Boulmetis. “He would gallop and just pull away,” said Piarulli.

An account of the race noted that “The winner hadn’t liked the going, and Boulmetis had found it necessary to sting him smartly at the top of the stretch, but he clearly was superior to the others.” At year’s end, the only horses in the nation to rank higher than the Maryland-bred sensation were Bold Ruler, \*Gallant Man, Round Table and Swoon’s Son. In the spring of the next year, it was hard to find any to rival him. And from October 1958 to May 1959, when he was finally forced to retire after fracturing a sesamoid in his left foreleg, he boasted the best record of any older horse in training.

“He was an unbelievable animal,” said Piarulli. “You could do anything with him, work with him. . . He got along with everybody. He never did anything wrong. I got him as a 2-year-old. . . He went to Joe Giangiulio’s farm in Philadelphia, in that area. And then as a 2-year-old he came to me to be trained.”

Vertex was foaled at Pistorio Farm in Ellicott City, Md., on April 16, 1954. Frank Piarulli, a New Jersey real estate operator and owner of service stations, bakeries and drive-in restaurants, was friends with Sam Pistorio, who had moved to his Howard County farm in 1952. A builder by profession, Pistorio had purchased 800 acres and used 250 to create the Turf Valley Country Club. Another 150 went for resi-

dential development. The rest became Pistorio Farm.

In residence at the farm was the aging stallion The Rhymer, Greentree Stable's 1942 Widener Handicap winner purchased by Pistorio in 1945 for \$10,000. Piarulli sent his Case Ace mare Kanace to The Rhymer because the stallion "sired some good runners considering the class of mares he had."

The Rhymer had been represented in earlier crops by such stakes winners as Tuscany, Snommis, Singing Beauty and Rare Music. But by far his best was Vertex, who propelled the stallion to the top of the Maryland rankings in 1958 and 1959. In a tragic coincidence, the day before Vertex won the Pimlico Special, The Rhymer was killed in a barn fire at Elmer and Louis Morsberger's farm in Catonsville. Pistorio had given the brothers the 20-year-old stallion earlier that summer to stand at their farm the next season.

The first stakes winner for the Piarullis, Vertex, then a big, raw-boned youngster, launched his career in New Jersey.

"When he came to me I was based at Monmouth Park," said Piarulli. "His first race he started was at Atlantic City. I had a boy on him who had never ridden a race in his life. I wanted to win a little money with him and if I put a top rider on him there—but it didn't make any difference. He went off at like 5-2, paid \$8. The stewards, everybody knew he was a great horse and could run." The chestnut won his first two starts and was fourth in the World's Playground Stakes in his third and final start at 2.

He continued to get better. "We just had to train him, it was a matter of keeping him sound as much as we could and do what you had to with him," said Piarulli. "He was a super horse. When he went into a race he was just unbelievable. He won the way he wanted to—he'd just gallop—it wasn't much of a contest really."

His record at 3 included a dominating win in the Choice Stakes at Monmouth, just a fifth of a second off the 1½-mile track record, a score in Atlantic City's Boardwalk Handicap, and a

second as the topweight in the Roamer Handicap at Jamaica to Promised Land, who was in receipt of eight pounds. During that race Vertex threw a shoe, which tore up his left front foot and put him on the sidelines. During those months off, Frank Piarulli sold a half-interest in his rising star to John Brunetti.

Piarulli got Vertex back to the races the next September and in four starts from Sept. 9 to Oct. 8, he won just once. But the confidence was building, and he launched the run that would make his career.

"There were two races that really stood out—against the horse that belonged to Calumet Farm (Bardstown)," recalled Piarulli. "The first time we met him, we met him at Garden State and we just beat him. But the second time we met was in New York and it was no contest. He just galloped. And that other horse was an outstanding horse who won something like 20 races, but he couldn't beat Vertex."

The Garden State race was the 1¼-mile Trenton Handicap, Nov. 5. Vertex won by a head, but it's what he had to overcome in the race that amazed Piarulli. "The bit had slipped in his mouth—I don't know if it was a mistake on my part or something—but that bit slipped, and every time they went around a bend, he'd fall back because it was hurting him. But once they straightened up for home, he wound up beating the horse."

Next out was the Idlewild Handicap at Jamaica. "I made sure that bit didn't do that again," added Piarulli. Vertex drew off to win by 5 lengths and finished 1½ miles in 1:49½. It was then on to Pimlico.

Although the Pimlico Special concluded a stellar season, Vertex was just getting started. Piarulli had him ready much earlier at 5, sending him out March 9 at Gulfstream Park. Vertex finished third, the only time that year he wouldn't go to the winner's circle.

Following a win in a "paid workout," a betless exhibition that Gulfstream Park provided, Vertex went off as the starting highweight and 3-2 favorite in the \$100,000 Gulfstream Park



Courtesy of Maryland Jockey Club

**On a brisk, late November afternoon in 1958, Joe Piarulli led Vertex and Sam Boulmetis to the winner's circle following the Pimlico Special, their fourth victory in 31 days.**

Handicap. Facing 10 others, he fought for the lead the entire 1¼ miles, and turned back \*Amerigo to win by a neck over a sloppy track. One week later he was in the starting gate at Bowie for the \$100,000 John B. Campbell Handicap—his fourth race in 20 days.

The Campbell was magnificent. Leading at every call, he steadily drew off to win by 6 lengths and completed 1½ miles in 1:43½, three-fifths off the track record. And he became only the second horse in history to win two six-figure races in such a short span—the other was Round Table, who won on consecutive weekends, at the same track, in 1957.

Vertex reappeared six weeks later at Jamaica for the Grey Lag Handicap. Carrying 130 pounds, the highest impost of his 24 starts to date, he pulled out a three-quarter-length win. Boulmetis called it "one of the horse's best races" and added "he felt strong every step of the way," reported Joe Estes.

Two weeks later Vertex was back in New Jersey. "Gene Mori, who owned Garden State, asked my dad to run him, because he was such a great horse and a lot of New Jersey people were familiar with him," said Piarulli. "I ran him there and he won the race, but he didn't come out of the race in good shape. That was his last race."

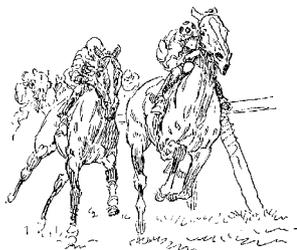
Vertex was assigned 131 pounds for the Camden Handicap and went off the 2-5 favorite. Again leading at every call, he won by 1¼ lengths over Piano Jim, in receipt of 19 pounds. Lame the next day, X-rays were taken, revealing the fracture.

Estes wrote in the 1959 edition of *American Race Horses*, "Vertex left horsemen wondering what he might have done if he had been sound. . . what he lacked in soundness and good luck was compensated by his class and courage . . . At the end of May, when an injury terminated his career, he had no rival on the morning side of the Rocky Mountains."

Vertex retired with 17 wins, nine in stakes, from 25 starts over four seasons, earning \$453,424, and entered stud at Danada Farm in Lexington, Ky. In his second crop, he sired Kentucky Derby winner Lucky Debonair. He later moved to Brunetti's Red Oak Farm in Ocala, Fla., where he would remain until his death at 27 in 1981.

Piarulli trained for another 20 years. But he knew during Vertex's run more than 50 years ago what he had: "He was one of those horses you get once in a lifetime."

*Vertex was inducted in the inaugural class of the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame in 2013.*



## MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks  
August 23 to September 2, 2013.

### Breeder bonuses

Colin Atkins—BABY SITUATION: Aug. 23, 3rd race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
 David Baxter—MISS EDMUND: Sept. 1, 4th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
 Bender and Bender LLC—GREENTREE ROAD: Sept. 2, 3rd race, \$897.75 LA REINE'S WAGER: Aug. 25, 6th race, \$1,197. (\$2,094.75)  
 Bonita Farm—OUTBACKER: Aug. 24, 9th race, \$3,092.25.  
 Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—GRACE IS A BEAUTY: Sept. 2, 7th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
 Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—WALK OFF WINNER: Aug. 28, 2nd race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736)  
 David Carter—MORNING LIGHT: Aug. 24, 6th race, \$1,197.  
 Dark Hollow Farm and Hillwood Stable LLC—DRESS UP: Aug. 30, 6th race, \$3,192.  
 William E. Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Christmas—NO ATTRACTION: Sept. 1, 5th race, \$897.75.

Wilbur D. Everett and Joan Everett—BALLET DANCER: Sept. 1, 3rd race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)  
 Gregory Garton—ARMI BASE: Sept. 2, 1st race, \$1,296.75.  
 Glade Valley Farms Inc.—CORINTHIAN MIST: Aug. 25, 1st race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)  
 Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: Aug. 30, 4th race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
 R. Larry Johnson—HE'S MY BROTHER: Aug. 31, 1st race, \$2,992.50/\$2,137.50. (\$5,130)  
 J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—SAFARI: Aug. 30, 3rd race, \$1,197.  
 Gretchen B. Mobberley—NO CONFLICT: Aug. 25, 7th race, \$1,296.75.  
 Nancy Lee Farms—BET THE CAT: Aug. 26, 5th race, \$1,197.  
 Stephen T. Sinatra and Williams Niarakis Jr.—SCIPION'S GIRL: Aug. 26, 7th race, \$1,296.75.  
 Janet Wayson—JOINT CUSTODY: Aug. 26, 4th race, \$2,094.75/\$1,496.25. (\$3,591)  
 Lydia A. Williams—PLAY LIKE A RAVEN: Aug. 23, 2nd race, \$1,197.

## Breeder Loyalty Bonuses

Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at the Timonium meet (August 23 through September 2, 2013).

Colin Atkins—BABY SITUATION: Aug. 23, 3rd race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 David Baxter—MISS EDMUND: Sept. 1, 4th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—GRACE IS A BEAUTY: Sept. 2, 7th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—WALK OFF WINNER: Aug. 28, 2nd race, \$1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,736)  
 Wilbur D. Everett and Joan Everett—BALLET DANCER: Sept. 1, 3rd race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)  
 Glade Valley Farms Inc.—CORINTHIAN MIST: Aug. 25, 1st race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)  
 Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: Aug. 30, 4th race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 R. Larry Johnson—HE'S MY BROTHER: Aug. 31, 1st race, \$2,137.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,130)  
 Janet Wayson—JOINT CUSTODY: Aug. 26, 4th race, \$1,496.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,591)

### Owner bonuses

Colin Atkins—BABY SITUATION: Aug. 23, 3rd race, \$2,992.50.  
 Howard M. Bender—CORINTHIAN MIST: Aug. 25, 1st race, \$1,097.25.  
 David B. Bloom—WALK OFF WINNER: Aug. 28, 2nd race, \$1,596.  
 Robert L. Cole Jr.—OUTBACKER: Aug. 24, 9th race, \$3,092.25.  
 Dark Hollow Farm and Hillwood Stable LLC—DRESS UP: Aug. 30, 6th race, \$3,192.  
 Suzanne A. Dempsey—HE'S MY BROTHER: Aug. 31, 1st race, \$2,992.50.  
 Joan P. Everett—BALLET DANCER: Sept. 1, 3rd race, \$1,097.25.  
 William Ferrone—GRACE IS A BEAUTY: Sept. 2, 7th race, \$2,992.50.  
 Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: Aug. 30, 4th race, \$2,992.50.  
 Narrow Leaf Farm—MISS EDMUND: Sept. 1, 4th race, \$2,992.50.  
 Konrad M. Wayson—JOINT CUSTODY: Aug. 26, 4th race, \$2,094.75.

FANTASTICAT (Bet the Cat: Aug. 26, 5th race, \$598.50): Fantasticat Syndicate.  
 GREAT NOTION (Talk Show Man: Aug. 30, 4th race, \$1,496.25): Great Notion Syndicate.  
 LA REINE'S TERMS (La Reine's Wager: Aug. 25, 6th race, \$598.50): Bender and Bender LLC.  
 LION HEARTED (Safari: Aug. 30, 3rd race, \$598.50): Lion Hearted Syndicate.  
 NO ARMISTICE (Armi Base: Sept. 2, 1st race, \$648.38. No Conflict: Aug. 25, 7th race, \$648.38): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—\$1,296.76.  
 NOT FOR LOVE (Dress Up: Aug. 30, 6th race, \$1,596. No Attraction: Sept. 1, 5th race, \$448.88): Not For Love Syndicate—\$2,044.88.  
 OUTFLANKER (Grace Is a Beauty: Sept. 2, 7th race, \$1,496.25. Joint Custody: Aug. 26, 4th race, \$1,047.38. Outbacker: Aug. 24, 9th race, \$1,546.13): Outflanker Syndicate—\$4,089.76.  
 SCIPION (Miss Edmund: Sept. 1, 4th race, \$1,496.25. Scipion's Girl: Aug. 26, 7th race, \$648.38): Scipion Syndicate—\$2,144.63.  
 SEEKING DAYLIGHT Morning Light: Aug. 24, 6th race, \$598.50): Seeking Daylight Syndicate.

### Stallion bonuses

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Play Like a Raven: Aug. 23, 2nd race, \$598.50): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

## SPECIAL MAIDEN RACE BONUS PAYMENTS

### \$5,000 MSW PAYMENTS (August 23-September 2, 2013):

Colin Atkins, Suzanne A. Dempsey; William M. Ferrone; Michael J. Harrison; Narrow Leaf Farm.

### MAIDEN CLAIMING PAYMENTS (August 23-September 2, 2013):

David B. Bloom (\$3,000); Konrad M. Wayson (\$4,000).



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## Fall program goes full speed ahead

By Amy O. Burk

The slow days of summer have turned into fall frenzy at the University of Maryland. We wrapped up the summer months watching our two foals play and bond while their mothers grazed off in the distance. Unfortunately, we also watched our colt, Diamondback Fire, develop a solid case of physitis in both front fetlocks.

Because the son of Friesan Fire is a large, fast-growing colt, we knew we needed to rein in his exercise and growth a bit to help moderate the condition. We began keeping him and his dam in the smaller grass paddock overnight as well as cut back on his grain intake. Within days, we saw some improvement. We also moved up our weaning plans, which meant that we would need to finally start building that “weaning paddock” we’d been talking about.

The farm where the mares and foals are housed is more than 900 acres, but we’ve only occupied about six acres total, including the 5.5-acre rotational grazing demonstration site. In order to wean, we needed to convince the farm manager that it was a great idea to take a 3.5-acre parcel out of crop rotation so that we could set up a new pasture system on the other side of our horse barn.

It took some convincing, but he agreed right after our first two pregnant broodmares arrived in the summer of 2012. Our plan was to kill off the existing vegetation in late summer and seed in early fall. We knew we wouldn’t graze it year-round, so we seeded orchard grass and grazing-tolerant alfalfa so that it would make a nice nutri-

tious hay when cut, but also serve as a good quality pasture for the broodmares after weaning. We made hundreds of bales of top quality hay off it this spring, which were quickly hauled down to campus in preparation for feeding weanlings this fall and broodmares next spring.

The plan to fence out the entire pasture system was put on hold due to funds, but construction of the 60 x 60-foot loafing lot moved forward in August thanks to a grant from the Maryland Horse Industry Board. We ran out a water line, moved an existing run-in shed into place, hired P.H. Drayer to put in the posts, and then had our staff and students put up the 4-board wood fence and gates. A week later, our two mares were the new inhabitants of the weaning paddock while the foals stayed in the rotational grazing site.

Weaning went as well as it could go. We put lead shanks over the noses of the broodmares and led them down a short distance to the barn. There were a few rears of protest and many whinnies, but our well-behaved mares did what was asked. The foals stayed back in one of our smaller grass paddocks with a student to watch over them. They trotted around and called for their moms repeatedly, but settled fairly quickly before nightfall.

Visits from students and staff throughout the day seemed to help a bit as they appeared to appreciate the attention. Even though they all seemed settled into their new situations within the week, there is still a feeling of loss and sadness that lingers.



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The new paddock and turnout shed (above) proved to be an ideal spot for the mares during the weaning process, while the weanlings (left) were growing fast in preparation of their big date at Timonium in December.

All of our energy has now quickly shifted toward the training of the weanlings by students on-campus and the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in December. Luckily, we have a new and energetic intern, Johnny Weiss, who will serve as the assistant farm manager for the semester.

Johnny brings a good bit of experience to the position, having grown up on his parent’s Thoroughbred breeding operation in northern Maryland. Also, Bill Reightler has taken us under his wing by giving us advice on sales prep, and his operation will consign the weanlings this first year.

A quick visit to Timonium to Fasig-Tipton’s September yearling sale proved successful. Katy Voss, a long time supporter of our program, introduced us to officers and employees at Fasig-Tipton. They were very excited to hear about our new venture and how we were creating new advocates for the breeding, racing and sales sector. We also got a better feel for what we can expect when we ship in for the sale.

Besides sales preparation, we are shoring up the

the pregnant mares who will foal on campus in our spring Equine Reproduction class. We had to cap our class size at 16 students last year, but with more mares to foal, we can expand the student numbers this year. We hope to expand our horse herd by at least one additional mare next year.

So in addition to Daylight Lassie, in foal to Friesan Fire, we have The Best Sister, donated by Jim and Christine Steele of Shamrock Farm. She is in foal to Rock Slide with an early February foaling date, and brand new to our program, having shipped in Oct. 1. Although housed in a nearby pasture, she’s been good company and a good diversion for the weanlings.

The weanlings were to ship down to campus to begin their training classes in mid-October. We’re eager to see who schools who between the weanlings and the students, but we’re confident that both groups will be winners in the end.

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4. Purely Hot. . . . . 200,910	14. Tell a Great Story . . . . 136,820
5. Bold Affair. . . . . 195,000	15. Irish Exchange . . . . . 131,480
6. Walkwithapurpose . . 190,000	16. Madame Giry . . . . . 122,000
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Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services (TJCIS),  
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for stallions with at least one starter in 2013. † denotes freshman sire.

### Earnings in 2013

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Oriente . . . . .	171	1,104	85	136	\$3,114,221
Not For Love. . . . .	119	644	49	74	2,002,850
Dance With Ravens . .	105	585	48	65	1,905,415
Outflanker. . . . .	64	380	31	54	1,423,047
Lion Hearted. . . . .	95	539	39	61	1,201,668
Great Notion. . . . .	50	246	22	36	1,126,513
Two Punch . . . . .	64	309	27	39	1,107,322
Louis Quatorze. . . . .	64	412	32	61	984,757
Rock Slide . . . . .	57	349	25	38	958,163
Scipion . . . . .	41	250	22	40	819,934
Gators N Bears . . . . .	46	277	18	29	794,788
Cherokee's Boy. . . . .	26	172	8	11	446,006
Greek Sun . . . . .	17	90	10	13	289,186
Deputy Storm. . . . .	19	89	9	16	275,404
Go for Gin. . . . .	31	157	9	11	241,800

### 2-year-old earnings in 2013

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Oriente . . . . .	11	23	3	4	\$150,428
Great Notion. . . . .	6	16	2	3	136,008
Not For Love. . . . .	8	16	3	3	104,880
Outflanker. . . . .	5	10	1	2	47,415
Dance With Ravens . .	8	13	1	1	46,698
Lion Hearted. . . . .	6	10	1	1	33,880
Two Punch . . . . .	6	11	1	1	31,325
Scipion . . . . .	3	5	1	1	17,900
Deputy Storm. . . . .	2	3	1	1	14,130

### Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love. . . . .	704	15,284	570	2,330	\$63,965,045
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	931	23,368	773	3,389	54,790,990
Two Punch . . . . .	909	17,332	703	2,605	52,766,972
Oriente . . . . .	508	8,641	391	1,331	33,733,201
Polish Numbers . . . . .	443	9,369	366	1,377	33,309,760
Louis Quatorze. . . . .	589	11,483	434	1,527	30,689,818
Carnivalay. . . . .	496	13,342	406	1,822	30,463,916
Waquoit . . . . .	486	11,500	369	1,531	26,885,497
Outflanker. . . . .	382	8,093	293	1,191	24,587,328
Eastern Echo. . . . .	424	8,790	294	1,141	22,737,790
Lion Hearted. . . . .	410	7,208	310	1,021	22,678,221
Go for Gin. . . . .	315	5,844	211	715	18,289,569
Dance With Ravens . .	212	3,267	139	397	10,122,539
Rock Slide . . . . .	169	2,483	112	275	7,169,607
Great Notion. . . . .	102	1,387	79	242	6,633,001

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	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love. . . . .	318	997	122	164	\$5,930,124
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	461	1,560	175	240	5,624,197
Two Punch . . . . .	445	1,445	168	212	5,603,365
Oriente . . . . .	305	940	116	151	4,269,235
Polish Numbers . . . . .	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze. . . . .	278	869	87	115	3,194,800
Outflanker. . . . .	210	857	92	131	3,080,720
Eastern Echo. . . . .	227	835	75	104	3,069,217
Lion Hearted. . . . .	187	606	72	100	2,653,234
Carnivalay. . . . .	252	1,018	90	125	2,483,306
Waquoit . . . . .	206	705	60	85	2,003,139
Dance With Ravens . .	117	413	32	39	1,189,825
Go for Gin. . . . .	161	521	33	40	979,564
Great Notion. . . . .	38	115	17	25	813,920
Rock Slide . . . . .	73	234	16	25	760,881