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Star Qualities

Dutrow chooses Dark Hollow Farm filly as yearling show champion

By Toniann Andries



Dark Hollow Farm's Pure Prize filly, shown by John Foster for owners David and JoAnn Hayden, took top honors at the 80th annual MHBA Yearling Show.

There he stood, the conductor of an inadvertent symphony. Amidst the chorus of jingling lead shanks, the percussion of anxiously stomping hooves and a myriad whinnies, nickers and neighs, Tony Dutrow prepared to judge the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's 80th annual year-

ling show at the Timonium Fairgrounds June 29.

Hands on his hips or folded across his chest, the renowned trainer stood alongside his wife, Kim, in the center of the ring. Mumbling notes to himself, quietly surveying each yearling as it made its way up and back in

an almost-straight line in front of him, he searched for his favorite qualities in each.

When the first class finished and left the ring, Dutrow found a seat in the shade to cool down and reflect.

"I was impressed. I thought it would be very easy to go through—I thought there'd be



Class I winners: Kim McCubbin holds the blue ribbon won by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Harrison's Great Notion colt as Rosie Callahan and Erin Harrison accept the trophy from Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's Paget Bennett (second right), with ribbon sponsor Steve Dance of Dance Auctions.



Class II presentation (from left): Paget Bennett of sponsor Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Steve and Nancy Dance (Dance Auctions), owners/breeders David and JoAnn Hayden, Jim Steele (sponsor, Shamrock Farms) and John Foster with winning Fairbanks colt.



Joe Clancy, representing trophy sponsor thisishorseracing.com, and Nancy and Steve Dance with handler Fabian Herrera, who showed the winner of Class III, Country Life Farm and Fire Away LLC's filly by freshman sire Friesan Fire, the leading Maryland sire of the show.

a lot of bad horses," he said. "I did my very best to place those five, but I was impressed with six or eight of those horses. It's not at all what I expected. I thought it'd be easy. I'm looking for fast, athletic—I want to see some class in their head and eye. After seeing the first class, I have to be thinking the rest will be just as impressive."

Outside the ring, you could easily find key players in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry. Mike Pons of Country Life Farm never failed to have a smile on his face at any given point throughout the day. A perennial participant in this show, he saw the crowded ring as a positive indicator of the industry's health.

"It's fun that our business is growing again and it's responding to the stimulus from the slots. It's a nice sustainable growth," Pons said. "If we can rebuild our game, brick by brick, and the racetracks can work their sides and fix up the facilities, with a couple other things all coming together, we're going to have a tremendous result. Collectively, when we do that, I think you'll see this industry rise up to a higher level."

Bill Boniface of Bonita Farm could also be found, sitting on the bleachers, looking into the ring from underneath his khaki ball cap, or just as comfortable in one of Bonita's stalls, preparing an Etched filly for her debut, among others.

Once the show began, comments outside the ring began to roll.

"Nice and fancy. . . I'll buy half of that one right now. . . Amped. . . Pretty skinny. . . Will fill out. . . Classy. . . Nice head and neck. . . Tough looking. . . Calm down, kid. . . Easy mover. . . You're all right."

Inside the ring, Dutrow had his own descriptions: "Big horse. . . Nice neck. . . Nice colt. . . Balanced. . ."

Those fragments of thought, short and sweet, described the winner of Class I, for colts and geldings by Maryland sires. Just Jack, a Great Notion colt out of the Haymaker mare Mark Special was bred and owned

by Dr. Michael Harrison and his wife Beth of Butler. Harrison, primarily a veterinarian, has jumped heavily into breeding within the last 15 years.

"We have three bred exactly the same—Just Jack, Slick William and Talk Show Man," he said. "Slick William came in fourth last year and we're just very pleased with that family."

In each of the last three years, Harrison bred Mark Me Special to Northview Stallion Station's Great Notion, to produce prized colts. Just Jack went on to become Dutrow's "tough looking" reserve champion.

Class II, for colts and geldings by sires from states other than Maryland, gave David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm its first blue ribbon of the day. The Fairbanks colt is the first foal out of Silver Ashlee, a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Not for Silver, a Not For Love colt bred by the Haydens and winner of the premium award for 2009. The Haydens had bred Silver Ashlee, sold her as a yearling, and bought her back after her racing career ended in 2010.

"[Silver Ashlee] didn't win a lot of money like [Not for Silver] did but she's a really well-made mare. She has short cannon bones, a nice big hip and a good shoulder, and I think our colt exemplifies her good qualities," JoAnn explained as she cooled off in a Timonium barn full of Dark Hollow yearlings. "He's very solid in that he is always the same, sort of predictable. He's a plain brown wrapper so you really don't notice him but he's a nice plain brown wrapper."

The Haydens have brought countless entries to the show each year for many reasons. They see the show as a benchmark for their yearlings, both in their careers and their mentalities.

"We bring a lot every year because I'm a big believer that you don't know the potential of any of them," JoAnn said. "We bring them, prep them for the show, and then we go home and when they



John Foster shows off the winner of Class IV, a Pure Prize filly out of graded stakes winner He Loves Me (by Not For Love), as beaming owner/breeder JoAnn Hayden accepts the trophy from class sponsor Frank Vespe of The RacingBiz.com.



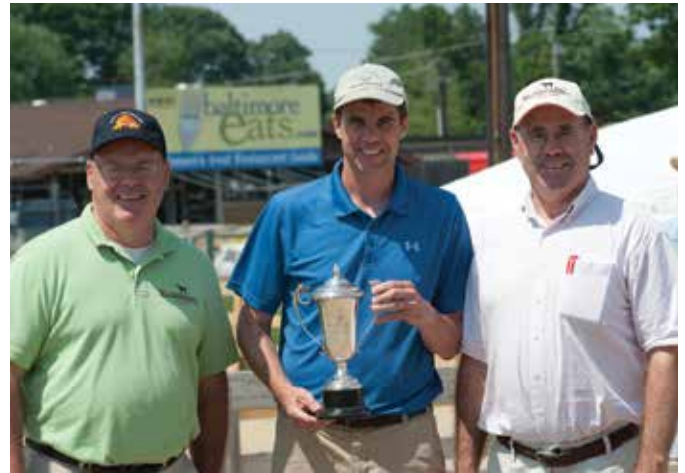
Reserve champion presentation: Josh Pons, Bill Reightler of EMO Agency (the groom's award sponsor throughout the day), and Kim McCubbin with Class I winner Just Jack.



Champion presentation: MHBA president Josh Pons, owners David and JoAnn Hayden, judge Tony Dutrow, Michelle Jennings (representing class sponsor The Mill), Ann Jackson with the Foxharbor Farm Challenge Trophy, Bill Reightler, John Foster and Lazaro Colin with the champion and winner of Class IV, the Pure Prize filly out of He Loves Me.



Groom's award winner Val Kounelis (Class I) with Spring Meadow Farm's Flaming Humor. EMO Agency's Bill Reightler makes the presentation.



Country Life Farm's freshman sire Friesan Fire took home the Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy as the show's top stallion. Joe Clancy presents to Country Life Farm's Mike (left) and Josh Pons.



The Class II groom's award went to Bob Manfuso's Quiet American colt handled by Tom Cashman, with groom Sally Eck. Reightler (center) presented the check.



Cliff and Mary Cornwell came up with slightly different selections, but each took home an amateur judging contest trophy from *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editor Joe Clancy.

Taking the Class III groom's award was Stan Salter, who showed Etched in Time for Bonita Farm and Mike Dalton.



Dark Hollow Farm's filly by Paddy O'Prado earned the Class IV groom's award for Jose Rodriguez.



go to their individual sales, they're more mature. After the show, you put them back in their regular fields and they're different, more mature horses."

The Haydens also find motivation in the prize money awarded to show entrants during their 2- and 3-year-old racing seasons.

"We've been very lucky because if we think we breed a good racehorse, it doesn't have to be the most beautiful horse but it's a solid competitor at some level, so we've been lucky to win the money

a lot of the time," said JoAnn. Dark Hollow's show alumni include Hall of Famer Safely Kept and stakes horses Plum, Joy, Ready's Image and Play Bingo among others.

The \$40,000 premium provided by the MHBA as an official part of the Maryland-bred Fund Program attracts attention and is distributed among horses which earn the most money on the track. Every yearling shown, regardless of class standing, is eligible for the awards.

A classy bay Friesan Fire filly took home the blue rib-

bon in Class III (fillies by Maryland sires) for a new partnership between Country Life Farm and Fire Away LLC. Cliff and Mary Cornwell are part of Fire Away, and co-own the filly out of the Outflanker mare Easy Mover. Also the winners of this year's amateur judging contest, the Cornwells enjoyed their day at the show for a multitude of reasons.

"We're in the back of the book because we won one year so it always brings us back for that," Mary said. "It's a chance to see friends that you've known for 20-30 years and the horses are kind of like family members so we want to support them no matter what they do."

Cliff added, "To be part of this partnership with Country Life, to come to see how the colt did—top nine in the colt class—and to see how the filly did, it's wonderful."

Mary even divulged a secret to having well-behaved, quiet yearlings in the ring. "We actually raised them with baby donkeys—two little mini Sicilian donkeys—so growing up with them, that's what kept them sane."

Country Life's Josh Pons, also the MHBA president, added, "It's a really neat partner-

ship of Friesian Fire babies and it's worked out really well." Friesian Fire's first foals are yearlings this year, and they were out in force at the show. Two daughters also placed in Class III, sealing Friesian Fire's claim of the Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy as the leading Maryland sire at the show.

Class IV, for fillies by sires from other states, gave Dark Hollow Farm its second blue ribbon of the day and would eventually lead to the championship—with a filly by Pure Prize. Proud of her second winner on the day, JoAnn Hayden likes the ribbons but knows the day is about more than placings.

"It's not at all just for the ribbons—it's for the experience and the exposure," she said. "The way we look at it is our goal is to get everybody there safely, have them act respectably and get them home safely, so really, the ribbons are just a bonus."

The Pure Prize filly out of the Not For Love mare He Loves Me strolled into the ring with the swagger of a seasoned veteran by the championship class, where the day's four winners lined up once more for Dutrow. David Hayden



Ring assistants Cindy Deubler and Brian Magnus present a token of appreciation to judge Tony Dutrow.

spoke through an ear-to-ear smile, leaning on a fencepost after accepting the Foxharbor Farm Challenge Trophy as the show's champion.

"We always liked the filly from the beginning," he said. "Out of a Not For Love mare, which is a special horse anyway, and we've personally had a lot of luck with Not For Love's mares with Pure Prize. We've had stakes winners with that combination so that's the reason we bred that mare to Pure Prize."

"The mare is gorgeous. So far we have three foals from her and they're all spectacular to look at—great conformation, great balance, good shoulders, strong hip, good hind leg, pretty heads—put all that together and it's eye candy."

The sweets didn't go unnoticed by Tony and Kim Dutrow. He found everything he was searching for in Dark Hollow's champion.

"She's a good looking horse—very athletic, fast,

Premium award winners from 2011 and '12 shows

The \$40,000 MHBA Yearling Show premium is split and distributed twice among the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2 and 3-year-olds.

The highest earners of 2013 received \$13,000 for first; \$4,000, second; \$2,000, third; and \$1,000, fourth.

Shown in 2011— 3-year-olds in 2013

True Compass—\$94,335
(dk.b./br.c., Scipion—Disco Dazzle, by Disco Rico; shown in Class I, by Wayne and Juanita Morris).

Joy—\$79,160
(ch.f., Pure Prize—Safe Journey, by Flatter; 3rd in Class IV, shown by Dark Hollow Farm). *In 2013*: Christiana S; 3rd Auntie Mame S.

Dress Up—\$67,840
(gr./ro.f., Not For Love—Dress Grey, by Lion Hearted; shown in Class III, by Dark Hollow Farm and Hillwood Stable LLC).

Love's Not Fair—\$59,820
(dk.b./br.c., Fairbanks—Mary Anne's Love, by Not For Love; 4th in Class II, shown by Spring Meadow Farm).

Shown in 2012— 2-year-olds in 2013

My T Swift—\$53,550
(b.f., Spring At Last—T. Swift, by Tomahawk; shown in Class IV, by Skeedattle Associates). *In 2013*: 3rd Small Wonder S.

Buck n' Ham Lane—\$52,960
(b.c., Outflanker—Promenade Lane, by Woodman; 3rd in Class I, shown by John Foster). *In 2013*: 3rd Maryland Juvenile Championship S.

Sweet Soliloquy—\$36,758
(b.f., Oratory—Made From Scratch, by Waquoit; shown in Class III, by Sweet Spirits Stables LLC).

Moon Vision—\$30,150
(b.f., Pollard's Vision—Fifteen Moons, by Malibu Moon; shown in Class IV, by Country Life Farm).

moved fluently. Looks to be a smart racing filly, a good mover," he said. Kim, a fan of fillies in particular, searched for a strong, big shoulder with a strong rear and nice hip. "That's where it all comes from, that's what gives it the go, the push," she explained. "I also watch the behavior. If it washes out in the ring, it'll wash out in the paddock."

There's racing success in the champion's pedigree. Bred in Maryland by Bucking-

ham Farm, He Loves Me is a graded stakes winner and her full-sister For Kisses won stakes, and each earned more than \$300,000 on the track.

As the final four yearlings headed back to their respective barns, Tony made his way to the shaded pavilion to take a seat by his wife. Visibly pleased, he said, "I'm just very flattered to be here and to be among the list of previous distinguished trainers everyone has idolized at some point

years ago. I had a great time. I had a lot of fun and I'm so proud and honored to be in the company that this show has been known to have in the past."

He took a few sips of water, dusted off his black leather shoes and offered one last piece of his mind. "It's not easy. I judged with what I like in racehorses and it's not for everybody, but I tried to pick the fastest, best horse here."

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Added appreciation goes to the Maryland State Fair (provider of the facility), Harford County and Marama Farm (tent sponsors), Country Life and Merryland Farms (straw) and Maryland Equine Center (on call throughout the day). And to the Saturday evening's crabfeast sponsors Brook Ledge Horse Transportation, Patterson Price Real Estate and event host Heritage Stallions.

RESULTS

Class I—For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland in 2013, the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2012. (26 exhibited)

1—Just Jack, dk.b./br.c., Great Notion—Mark Me Special, by Haymaker. Owned by Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Harrison, Butler, Md. Bred by Michael J. Harrison DVM. 2—King of Versailles, b.c., Scipion—Bigdaddysgirl, by Louis Quatorze. Owned by Gina Rosenthal, Clarksburg, Md. Bred by Gina Rosenthal and Robin Coblyn. 3—ch.c., Not For Love—Stellar Slew, by Seattle Slew. Owned and bred by Marilyn Doetsch, Clarksburg, Md. 4—New Kid in Town, ch.c., Etched—Emerald Song, by Eurosilver. Owned and bred by Mike Dalton LLC, Ashburn,

Va. 5—dk.b./br.c., Rock Slide—My Sweet Nenana, by Jazz Club. Owned and bred by James B. Steele Jr., Woodbine, Md.

Class II—For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland in 2013, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland in 2012. (18 exhibited)

1—dk.b./br.c., Fairbanks—Silver Ashlee, by Red Bullet. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. 2—dk.b./br.c., Ready's Image—Happy Sylvia, by King of Kings (Ire). Owned and bred by Carol Ann Kaye, Jeanne Baker and Jim Boyce, Woodbine, Md. 3—ch.c., Trappe Shot—High Moment, by High Yield. Owned and bred by Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer, Upperco, Md. 4—Stephen's Answer, b.c., Stephen Got Even—Answer by Daylight, by Seeking Daylight. Owned and bred by Wayne and Juanita Morris, Quantico, Md. 5—b.c., Quiet American—Living Trust, by Gentlemen (Arg). Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md.

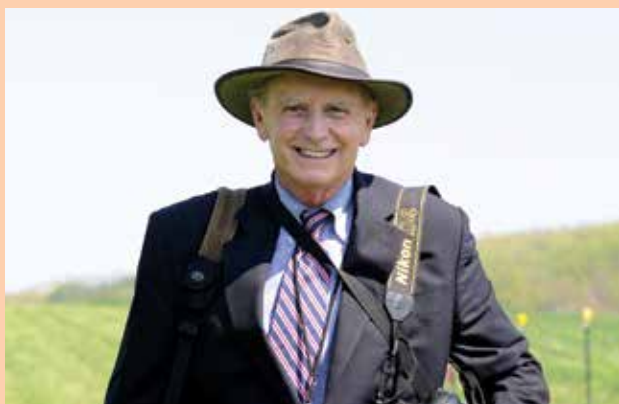
Class III—For fillies foaled in Maryland in 2013, the produce of mares covered in Maryland in 2012. (14 exhibited)

1—b.f., Friesan Fire—Easy Mover, by Outflanker. Owned by Country Life Farm and Fire Away LLC, Bel Air, Md. Bred by Country Life Farm and Thomas Winebarger Sr. 2—No Time for This, b.f., Friesan Fire—Perfect Slam, by Grand Slam. Owned by Spring Meadow Farm, Cooksville, Md. Bred by Brice Ridgely. 3—dk.b./br.f., Etched—Cross Over Please, by Valley Crossing. Owned and bred by Bonita Farm, Darlington, Md. 4—Mong's Million, b.f., Etched—Please Mong, by Deputed Testamony. Owned by James Fontelieu, Sean McManus and Bonita Farm, Darlington, Md. Bred by Bonita Farm. 5—dk.b./br.f., Friesan Fire—Wellingtons Arch, by Arch. Owned and bred by Dennis Cardoza, Bethesda, Md.

Class IV—For fillies foaled in Maryland in 2013, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland in 2012. (18 exhibited)

1—b.f., Pure Prize—He Loves Me, by Not For Love. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. 2—b.f., Street Boss—Sheave, by Mineshaft. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md. 3—b.f., Smarty Jones—Happy Hailey, by Rock Slide. Owned and bred by Marilyn Doetsch, Clarksville, Md. 4—Good Roll, dk.b./br.f., Artie Schiller—Flight Numbers, by Polish Numbers. Owned and bred by Richard C. Granville, Easton, Md. 5—Moon Virginia, b.f., Jump Start—Heavenly Moon, by Mojave Moon. Owned and

Lees receives Bryce Wing trophy



Lydia A. Williams

The Maryland Hunt Cup Association presented the 2014 S. Bryce Wing trophy to two-time Eclipse Award winning photographer Douglas Lees.

Given to a person who has contributed in an exceptional manner to Maryland timber racing, Douglas Lees personifies the award that honors the memory of S. Bryce Wing, a member of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association from 1939 until his death at age 85 in 1975.

Born in Washington, D.C., and growing up in Warrenton, the heart of Virginia's horse country, Lees has been chronicling steeplechasing throughout the Mid-Atlantic for over four decades. His work has appeared in nearly every equestrian magazine and newspaper that covers the sport, as well as numerous books on steeplechase history.

Lees' interest in country life and photography began at an early age, fostered by his parents who were avid fox hunters. At 17 Lees' first published photo appeared on the front page of the *Fauquier Times Democrat*. In the years that followed, Lees won the photography contest for *The Chronicle of the Horse* and the American Horse Publications award for his 1989 cover photo on the *Maryland Horse*, one of six times his work has appeared on the cover of that magazine and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*.

Lees won Eclipse Awards in 1978 and 2007, one of only eight photographers in the country to win more than one such award.

The first Bryce Wing award was presented in 1976. In the following 37 years, the trophy has been awarded 28 times.

bred by Fred A. Greene Jr., Deborah Greene and Hamilton Smith, Laurel, Md.

Champion—b.f., Pure Prize—He Loves Me, by Not For Love. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. (Class IV)

Reserve champion—Just Jack, dk.b./br.c., Great Notion—Mark Me Special, by Haymaker. Owned

by Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Harrison, Butler, Md. Bred by Michael J. Harrison DVM. (Class I)

Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy—FRIESAN FIRE. Presented to the Maryland stallion whose offspring earn 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:

Friesan Fire, 8.5 points (15 shown); Great Notion, 6 points (three); Etched, 4 points (six); Scipion, 3 points (one); Not For Love, 2 points (four) and Rock Slide, ½ point (one).

Groom's awards: Class I, #16, Val Kounelis; Class II, #28, Sally Eck; Class III, #70, Stan Salter; Class IV, #58 Jose Rodriguez; Championship class, Lazaro Colin (champion), Kim McCubbin (reserve champion).

Amateur Judging contest: Mary C. Cornwell and Cliff Cornwell.

— NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT —

The Yearling Show

By Josh Pons

It is a horse of a different color, this arcane, animate, agricultural event known simply as "The Yearling Show."

On arrival at the Timonium Fairgrounds, attendees receive a 40-page, orange-and-black program for The Yearling Show. It reads like a one-day equine studies textbook, prepared by scholars of the venerable Maryland Horse Breeders Association. It details the 80 numbered yearlings, for this, the 80th show, stretching back to The Great Depression. Wizards of the Turf appear as past judges, Hall of Fame material: Burch, Fitzsimmons, Luro, Jerkens, Mott, Zito. (The show was a no-show for three years during World War II.)

The program contains the rules: Prerequisite is that each yearling is a Maryland-bred, born in-state. It represents a lottery ticket: Win \$40,000, for showing now and winning later, at the track. It hawks trade: The Mill, the Sales, the Agent, the Track, the Stallions. It creases length-wise to fold in half, an equine report card awaiting grades.

Programs poking from back pockets, equine enthusiasts line the fence enclosing the oval-shaped ring, or seek shade in a tent on a hillside terraced with pressure-treated posts that define primitive earthen seating. The seats are so generously spaced that

elderly horse people, hips hardened from falls, ascend hand-over-hand.

Seated or standing, novice or aficionado, everyone at The Yearling Show passes through a veil of history, entering a secret society of show devotees dating back to 1932. The judge is usually a celebrated horseman, often the winning trainer of the most recent Preakness. Occasionally a horsewoman judges, Secretariat's owner Penny Chenery, for example.

This year's judge is Tony Dutrow, son of "Dickie" Dutrow, member of the Big Four of Maryland claiming trainers 50 years ago. Born in Hagerstown, home to a half-mile track that once comprised a fair circuit of which Timonium is the last vestige, Tony trains a top-flight string based at fabulous Fair Hill. He is a native son.

The pedigrees of the 80 yearlings are not revealed to the judge. He must work without a program. Nowhere is this vital bit of information documented. Rather, it is shared oral history, revealed in whispered tones to the uninitiated. Tony must select ribbon-winning yearlings based purely on conformation, presence, athleticism. No knowledge of royal blood, just the best-looking future racehorse. Period.

For everyone but the judge, though, the program

is an omniscient narrator.

Each yearling is identified by number, color, sex, birthdate, sire, dam, damsire, owner, breeder, owner's hometown. The show is broken out into four classes: colts separated from fillies, each divided into two groups—those sired by Maryland stallions; those sired by out-of-state stallions.

A time-honored horse-show etiquette is at work here. Tony sees a yearling's faults at a glance, but out of respect for the effort expended by the exhibitors, he makes no summary dismissals. He graciously thanks each handler before requesting the next yearling, sharing his selections only with his wife Kim at his side, and with the judge's assistant, Cindy Deubler, the MHBA lady with the clipboard.

Equine theatre on display: A few fillies resist the mandated walk, or the chain shank over their gums in lieu of a softer Chifney bit. They sulk and drag across the sand, eliciting anthropomorphic quips from horse lovers, in Mr. Ed-speak: "Oh, why am I out here? Oh, why can't I go home?"

A few colts wish to taste independence. One handler stumbles while restraining an 800-pound yearling, and is chest-dragged, head-up, elbows plowing sand, like old Clark Gable's stunt man in *The Misfits*, lassoing wild mustangs. An irresistible

force meets a movable object. The colt breaks free, leather shank now whipping his legs. He slices past other yearlings, dodging a gauntlet of shanks stretched like clotheslines from handlers to backpedaling horses.

A parade of horrors seems certain: liability, injured bystanders, York Road casualties, unforgettable disaster—until one handler puts the shank of his yearling in his left hand while grabbing the shank of the loose yearling with his right. He could have been drawn and quartered at the least equine impulse, but ringmaster Brian Magness, raised on a horse farm and inured to yearling antics, reaches out his long arm, and gently takes the runaway back to the merry-go-round of dutiful young horses. A collective sigh is heard.

The program is silent on how to process such drama.

Lunch break is a social, but beware: Everyone is a critic. Later, when Tony selects his grand champion, a bias is heard: "What's he see in that filly?" Disinterested amateur judges see balance, excellence, feminine resolve, a pure prize of a yearling. Laughter flows in the tent as a child makes known her choice: "I like the orange one better."

The Yearling Show. Excellent theatre, for 80 years running. Truly a horse of a different color.



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Juvenile champion Joint Custody wins sophomore stakes

Konrad Wayson's Joint Custody, 2013 Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old male, got his first win at 3 in Delaware Park's mid-week Stanton Stakes June 26. Sent off as the 4-5 favorite in the scratched-down field of four when the race came off the turf, the gray son of Outflanker powered to a 3-length score.

It was the fifth start of the year for the Jerry Robb trainee, who has raced exclusively

in stakes company since his breakout win in the Maryland Million Nursery last October. He has been model of consistency, having never been worse than fourth in 11 starts while earning \$273,905. He counts seconds this year in the Private Terms and Miracle Wood stakes at Laurel and Grover Buddy Delp Memorial stakes at Delaware, and was third in Pimlico's Federico Tesio Stakes.

Always forwardly placed by Trevor McCarthy in the Stanton, Joint Custody took over with 3 furlongs to go and

was strong to the finish, getting the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles in 1:43.67.

Joint Custody was bred by Janet Wayson and purchased by her son Konrad privately as a yearling. The gelding is out of Paying Off, a stakes-winning daughter of Malibu Moon campaigned by Janet's late husband Morgan in the 2000s.

Awesome Flower finds stakes success again at Presque Isle

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Awesome Flower, the 8-5 favorite under Ron Allen Jr. in Presque Isle Downs' \$100,000 Windward Stakes June 22, drew clear to win the 1-mile race over the Tapeta surface by 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. It was her first win since taking last September's HBPA Stakes over the same track.

Trained by Mike Maker, Awesome Flower had two stakes placings sandwiched between her two stakes wins, thirds in the Grade 2 Chilukki at Churchill Downs and Grade 3 Arlington Matron at Arlington. The 5-year-old

daughter of Flower Alley improved to 25-7-4-5 with earnings of \$354,703.

Awesome Flower, claimed for \$30,000 in her final start of 2012, has since made 16 starts for the Ramseys, earning \$316,318 while finishing third or better 11 times.

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 purchased her for \$45,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale from the consignment of Becky Davis. Awesome Flower is the only stakes performer for her dam Formalities Aside from four foals to race, but all four are winners.

Formalities Aside (by Awesome Again), a half-sister to Dubai World Cup-G1 winner Well Armed and graded stakes winner Witty, has 2- and 3-year-old fillies by Not For Love who have not started, and a yearling filly by Jump Start yet to be named. 🐾

Governor's Cup presents awards

The 2014 awards for the Maryland Steeplechase Association's Governor's Cup Series were presented June 18 at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club in Owings Mills to recognize the top horses and riders in events throughout the state.

The 2014 Horse of the Year was Caves Farm's Nat Grew, trained by Eddie Graham and ridden by Jody Petty. The only sanctioned start of the spring for the 10-year-old gelding resulted with a victory in the My Lady's Manor timber stakes.

Three awards were presented to Ann Jackson for

Raven's Choice, named Maryland Novice Timber Co-Champion as well as Maryland-bred and Maryland sired steeplechase horse. Trained by Todd Wyatt, Raven's Choice (by Dance With Ravens) won the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial allowance timber at the Grand National. Raven's Choice was bred by the owner's late husband, Cary Jackson.

Irv Naylor's Maryland-bred Durer shared honors with Raven's Choice as Novice Timber Champion and for Maryland-bred Steeplechase Horse of the Year.

The 2014 honorees:

Horse of the Year: Nat Grew (Caves Farm).

Novice Timber Horse of the Year: Raven's Choice (Ann Jackson), Durer (Irv Naylor).

\$500 MHBA Maryland-bred Horse of the Year: Raven's Choice (Jackson), Durer (Naylor).

\$500 Maryland Million Maryland-sired Horse of the Year: Raven's Choice (Jackson).

Amateur/Apprentice Timber Horse and Rider: Sand Box Rules with Diana Gillam and Brother Sy with Gillam.

Leading trainer: Willie Dowling

Leading rider, timber rider, amateur rider (Thomas H. Voss Memorial Trophy): Mark Beecher.

Leading female rider (Betsy Firey Memorial Trophy): Diana Gillam.

Voss Amateur Flat Series: Diana Gillam, McLane Hendriks, Carol-Ann Sloan

Leading jr. rider, jr. large pony rider and jr. horse rider: Erin Swope.

Leading jr. small pony rider: Colin Smith.

Leading jr. medium pony rider: Taylor Leatherman.

Leading jr. rider, non-Thoroughbred: Saddiq Myers.

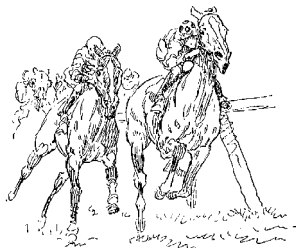
Stubben Ultimate foxhunter: Catherine Frederick.

Hurdy Gurdy Perpetual Trophy: James Stierhoff and Twill Do.

Jr. Foxchasing Scholarships: Tommy Fenwick and Charlie Mourier.

Jonathan Kiser Memorial Scholarship: Anastasia Vialov.

D.M. Smithwick Young Rider Group Award: Carrollton Hounds. 🐾



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
May 26 to June 8, 2014.

Breeder bonuses

James J. Allman and Virginia N. Allman—VIANNEY LANE: May 26, 8th race, \$1,485.
Bender and Bender LLC—MORE THAN A CRUISE: May 26, 9th race, \$2,961. SOUP D'COUPE: June 7, 9th race, \$2,835. (\$5,796)
Richard F. Blue Jr.—SCRAPPLE: May 30, 3rd race, \$5,130.
Bonita Farm—TOOTH N CLAW: June 6, 8th race, \$2,646.
Bonita Farm and Hellfire Stables LLC—MORAL HIGH GROUND: June 1, 3rd race, \$2,646.
Kevin C. Burton and Jennivieve Burton—STORMY FUTURE CAT: June 1, 9th race, \$1,008.
David Carter—GOTTA SLIDE: May 26, 5th race, \$759.
Michael P. Cataneo—EDDY GOURMET: May 31, 9th race, \$2,646.
Susan L. Christiansen and Maryland Stallion Station—WITHOUT VIRTUE: June 6, 10th race, \$1,008.
Country Life Farm, Darley and Jim and Gail Poulos—SWEET SOLILOQUY: May 26, 7th race, \$1,890.
Cynefin Trust—LIVELY TIMES: May 26, 7th race, \$5,130.
Rosalee C. Davison Revocable Trust—NASTAR MEDALLIST: June 1, 5th race, \$4,275.
David DiPietro—GREEN WAVE GIRL: June 6, 9th race, \$1,485. STAR MANEUVER: June 1, 8th race, \$1,485. (\$2,970)
Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—GATOR GOLD: May 31, 3rd race, \$2,142.
Dumbarton Farm—DORCHESTER COUNTY: May 26, 10th race, \$4,617.
Cornelia S. Gibson—HOTSPUR HARRIET: June 6, 3rd race, \$1,701.
Glade Valley Farms Inc.—MARYLAND MYSTIQUE: May 31, 11th race, \$1,575.

Barbara C. Graham and Joseph Keelty—CONNEMARA COAST: June 6, 8th race, \$7,182.
Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: May 30, 7th race, \$2,961.
Estate of William R. Harris—BREEZY GIRL: May 31, 2nd race, \$726.
Hillwood Stable LLC—TALKIN' STUFF: June 7, 11th race, \$891.
Michael and Debbie Horning—EYEPLAYEVERYDAY: June 6, 8th race, \$1,386.
Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: June 7, 3rd race, \$1,122.
Carol A. Kaye—HYPATIA'S SKY: May 30, 5th race, \$1,890. SEE WHAT HAPPENS: June 6, 3rd race, \$891. (\$2,781)
Alan S. Kline—VESTED IN TOWN: May 31, 11th race, \$4,275.
Sharon Manzari—PIPPY HOT SOX: May 26, 4th race, \$528.
Marathon Farms Inc.—CURLIN'S KID: June 7, 11th race, \$4,617.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McDermott—HESAGOLDMINE: June 6, 7th race, \$1,386.
Gretchen B. Moberley—CROW BAR: June 6, 6th race, \$1,386.
H. Graham Motion—MOUNT CORONET: June 1, 1st race, \$1,320.
Audrey Murray—CELTIC WONDER: June 6, 6th race, \$3,762.
Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—CHOLLIE D: June 6, 1st race, \$1,320.
Plaine Enterprises Inc.—GOTTALOVETHEDRAKE: May 31, 3rd race, \$1,122.
Bobby Lee Plummer—DANCE OFF: June 6, 2nd race, \$495.
Brice Ridgely—HOT FUN: June 7, 10th race, \$7,695.
Shamrock Farms—LUCY BOO: May 30, 5th race, \$5,130.

Skeedattle Associates—MY T SWIFT: June 7, 10th race, \$1,485. RIFT: June 7, 6th race, \$561. (\$2,046)
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—ROCKINN ON BYE: May 30, 8th race, \$7,182.
Tara Farms Inc.—WHO MATTERS: June 6, 1st race, \$2,520.
Thornmar Farm LLC—GLIMPSE: June 6, 2nd race, \$2,565. PUBLIC SECRET: June 6, 5th race, \$2,646. (\$5,211)

Owner bonuses

Howard M. Bender—MORE THAN A CRUISE: May 26, 9th race, \$1,727.25.
Richard F. Blue Jr.—SCRAPPLE: May 30, 3rd race, \$2,992.50. TOOTH N CLAW: June 6, 8th race, \$1,543.50. (\$4,536)
Bonita Farm and Hellfire Stables LLC—MORAL HIGH GROUND: June 1, 3rd race, \$1,543.50.
John M. Bosley—WHO MATTERS: June 6, 1st race, \$1,470.
Jennivieve Burton—STORMY FUTURE CAT: June 1, 9th race, \$588.
David Carter—GOTTA SLIDE: May 26, 5th race, \$442.75.
David DiPietro—GREEN WAVE GIRL: June 6, 9th race, \$866.25.
Dumbarton Farm—CONNEMARA COAST: June 6, 8th race, \$4,189.50. DORCHESTER COUNTY: May 26, 10th race, \$2,693.25. (\$6,882.75)
Stephen R. Ferguson—ROCKINN ON BYE: May 30, 8th race, \$4,189.50.
Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: May 30, 7th race, \$1,727.25.
Estate of William R. Harris—BREEZY GIRL: May 31, 2nd race, \$423.50.
Hillside Thoroughbreds—CHOLLIE D: June 6, 1st race, \$770.
Hillwood Stable LLC—TALKIN' STUFF: June 7, 11th race, \$519.75.
Barbara J. Houck—HOT FUN: June 7, 10th race, \$4,488.75.
Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: June 7, 3rd race, \$654.50.
Lester I. Joseph—GATOR GOLD: May 31, 3rd race, \$1,249.50.
Carol A. Kaye—HYPATIA'S SKY: May 30, 5th race, \$1,102.50.
Daniel A. Limongelli—PUBLIC SECRET: June 6, 5th race, \$1,543.50.
M and D Stables—EYEPLAYEVERYDAY: June 6, 8th race, \$808.50.
Sharon Manzari—PIPPY HOT SOX: May 26, 4th race, \$308.
Marathon Farms Inc.—CURLIN'S KID: June 7, 11th race, \$2,693.25.
Thomas J. McDermott—HESAGOLDMINE: June 6, 7th race, \$808.50.
Gretchen B. Moberley—CROW BAR: June 6, 6th race, \$808.50.
Audrey Murray—CELTIC WONDER: June 6, 6th race, \$2,194.50.
NRS Stable, Matthew Brown and Timothy Keefe—SEE WHAT HAPPENS: June 6, 3rd race, \$519.75.

Plaine Enterprises Inc.—GOTTALOVETHEDRAKE: May 31, 3rd race, \$654.50.
Thomas Rooney and Tara Rooney—LUCY BOO: May 30, 5th race, \$2,992.50.
Toby Roth—EDDY GOURMET: May 31, 9th race, \$1,543.50.
Somraj Singh and Michelle and Claudio Stable Inc.—STAR MANEUVER: June 1, 8th race, \$866.25.
Skeedattle Associates—MY T SWIFT: June 7, 10th race, \$866.25.
Dylan Smith—LIVELY TIMES: May 26, 7th race, \$2,992.50.
Sweet Spirit Stables LLC—SWEET SOLILOQUY: May 26, 7th race, \$1,102.50.
Taking Risks Stables LLC—SOUP D'COUPE: June 7, 9th race, \$1,653.75. VIANNEY LANE: May 26, 8th race, \$866.25. (\$2,520)
Kathleen Willier—MOUNT CORONET: June 1, 1st race, \$770.
You See Vee Gee Stable—HOTSPUR HARRIET: June 6, 3rd race, \$992.25.

Stallion bonuses

DANCE WITH HAVENS (Crow Bar: June 6, 6th race, \$462): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.
DISCO RICO (Dance Off: June 6, 2nd race, \$165): Alfred and Joseph DiRico.
FANTASTICAT (Hypatia's Sky: May 30, 5th race, \$630. Pippi Hot Sox: May 26, 4th race, \$176): Fantastical Syndicate—\$806.
GATORS N BEARS (Gator Gold: May 31, 3rd race, \$714. Tooth N Claw: June 6, 8th race, \$882): Gators N Bears Syndicate—\$1,596.
GO FOR GIN (Moral High Ground: June 1, 3rd race, \$882): Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia.
GREAT NOTION (Talk Show Man: May 30, 7th race, \$987): Great Notion Syndicate.
MEDALLIST (Nastar Medallist: June 1, 5th race, \$1,425): Medallist Syndicate.
NOT FOR LOVE (Gottalovethedrake: May 31, 3rd race, \$374. Riff: June 7, 6th race, \$187): Not For Love Syndicate—\$561.
ORATORY (Sweet Soliloquy: May 26, 7th race, \$630. Talkin' Stuff: June 7, 11th race, \$297): Country Life Farm and Darley—\$927.
OUTFLANKER (Dorchester County: May 26, 10th race, \$1,539. Star Maneuver: June 1, 8th race, \$495): Outflanker Syndicate—\$2,034.
PARKER'S STORM CAT (Stormy Future Cat: June 1, 9th race, \$336): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.
PARTNER'S HERO (Vianney Lane: May 26, 8th race, \$495): Partner's Hero Syndicate.
ROCK SLIDE (Gotta Slide: May 26, 5th race, \$253. Lucy Boo: May 30, 5th race, \$1,710. Without Virtue: June 6, 10th race, \$336): Shamrock Farms—\$2,299.
SCIPION (Breezy Girl: May 31, 2nd race, \$242. Celtic Wonder: June 6, 6th race, \$1,254. Scrapple: May 30, 3rd race, \$1,710): Scipion Syndicate—\$3,206.
TWO PUNCH (Lively Times: May 26, 7th race, \$1,710): Two Punch Syndicate.

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services (TJCIS),
these statistics were compiled on July 3. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2014. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2014

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
E Dubai	124	520	58	80	\$1,704,086
Oriente	115	480	53	69	1,412,053
Not For Love	88	350	37	49	1,298,099
Dance With Ravens	76	348	28	40	915,902
Giacomo	85	377	27	39	891,549
Louis Quatorze	47	190	17	26	775,021
Great Notion	40	129	14	20	725,916
Petionville	65	279	25	36	697,012
Lion Hearted	65	231	23	34	669,704
Outflanker	44	161	18	26	599,068
Scipion	39	167	19	22	529,677
Two Punch	45	194	15	21	519,110
Cherokee's Boy	25	123	10	15	345,338
Gators N Bears	30	126	10	10	344,358
Rock Slide	40	141	13	15	322,245
Showing Up	34	146	11	17	254,804
Greek Sun	10	42	4	6	141,524

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	724	15,800	579	2,399	\$66,182,613
Two Punch	922	17,495	707	2,608	53,446,890
Petionville	574	12,200	459	1,677	39,537,739
Oriente	580	10,637	444	1,591	38,975,690
E Dubai	593	10,789	448	1,561	37,976,498
Louis Quatorze	725	13,331	536	1,780	33,481,821
Polish Numbers	442	9,345	365	1,369	33,359,422
Waquoit	484	11,404	368	1,519	26,881,014
Outflanker	380	8,101	290	1,174	25,443,730
Lion Hearted	428	7,569	320	1,070	23,707,107
Eastern Echo	417	8,676	292	1,129	22,690,713
Go for Gin	316	5,843	208	698	18,257,094
Dance With Ravens	232	3,794	156	456	11,618,314
Great Notion	113	1,580	90	273	7,820,007
Rock Slide	179	2,696	118	297	7,707,218
Giacomo	180	2,592	116	338	7,635,101
Wayne County (IRE)	157	3,075	101	347	6,036,101
Mojave Moon	153	3,000	104	327	5,683,087
Seeking Daylight	156	2,320	120	308	5,109,075
Gators N Bears	113	1,401	63	181	4,554,287

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	326	1,029	124	167	\$6,157,004
Two Punch	444	1,430	164	207	5,628,298
Oriente	331	1,023	125	166	4,655,789
Petionville	345	1,081	114	139	4,347,034
E Dubai	279	925	114	154	3,971,417
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze	320	992	100	126	3,344,008
Outflanker	201	829	87	118	3,147,269
Eastern Echo	220	814	74	101	3,059,366
Lion Hearted	195	628	73	101	2,695,786
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Giacomo	104	384	34	55	1,463,932
Dance With Ravens	122	439	33	41	1,259,305
Great Notion	41	125	18	28	984,860
Go for Gin	161	526	32	39	980,354
Rock Slide	76	240	16	25	765,451
Scipion	32	143	19	25	701,982
Mojave Moon	84	316	24	26	570,763
Cherokee's Boy	16	72	8	13	570,176
Gators N Bears	51	176	18	21	514,349