



The Horsemen's Newsletter

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Insurance fee set at \$225 for 2009

The fee that each Maryland owner and trainer pays to provide jockeys' workers' compensation coverage has been set at \$225 for 2009. This is a decrease of \$25 from 2008 and \$150 less than was required for 2007.

The fee is set on an annual basis, and determined by the number and types of claims and by the number of licensees among whom the cost is distributed.

Meanwhile, as always, the advantages of Maryland's workers' compensation program for jockeys far outweigh the fee.

Maryland was a pioneer in securing this vital coverage. It is provided through a nonprofit corporation known as the Maryland Jockey Injury Compensation Fund, Inc., established in 1986 and managed by the Maryland Racing Commission.

For more information, contact the Commission's executive director, Mike Hopkins, at (410) 853-1672.

Steroid ban begins January 1

Maryland's steroid ban takes effect January 1, 2009. The new rule mirrors the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's model rule, and is in line with rules currently in effect in neighboring states, including Pennsylvania.

The system of penalties and grace period have not yet been announced. However, monitoring has been conducted for several months and all results were within the required limits, according to Maryland Racing Commission executive director Mike Hopkins.

The only PAC promoting horsemen as well as advocating for the entire Maryland Thoroughbred industry

The MTHA is currently raising funds for its Political Action Committee (PAC). The Thoroughbred Horsemen's PAC advocates for the entire Maryland Thoroughbred industry, while promoting the interests of horsemen. Your generous support will enable us to contribute to the election campaigns of state officials who have demonstrated willingness to support our industry.

This will mean a brighter future for us all. Please make checks payable to Thoroughbred Horsemen's PAC. Send checks to MTHA, 6314 Windsor Mill Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207.

AMOUNT OF DONATION

\$100 \$250 \$500 other

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By authority Wayne W. Wright, Treasurer

MTHA Christmas Party highlights achievers

Photographs courtesy of Jim McCue



Bob Haynes and Jayne Marie Slys, pictured at right, credit their success to the hard work of many individuals, including trainer Dale Capuano (fifth from right) and, from left, Nicole Ausherman, Laurie Calhoun, Billy Brubaker, Jerry Calhoun, Mariano Hernandez, John Brady, Kerry Hohlbein and Jackie Savoye.

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joining forces with trainer Dale Capuano. Mr. Haynes and his racing manager, Jayne Marie Slys, have campaigned four stakes winners—two in 2008—with the star being Heros Reward, a \$20,000 claim who has won nine stakes and earned well over \$800,000 since joining the stable. Heros Reward carried Maryland's hopes in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint last October and gave a good account of himself while finishing fifth.



Scott Lake
Outstanding Trainer
Maryland has contributed in large measure to the national prominence of Scott Lake, who has finished either first or second in the country by number of wins each year since

2000. Mr. Lake led the Maryland trainers' ranks in 2005, '06 and '07, and he's on course for a fourth consecutive title in 2008. Laurel Park is one of five tracks where Mr. Lake currently maintains divisions. He has about 40 horses at Laurel under the care of assistant Hugh McMahon.

Carlos Mancilla Outstanding Backstretch Employee Bowie

As stable foreman for Chris Grove, Mr. Mancilla has had a hand in developing some of the most accomplished Maryland performers of recent years, including millionairess Silmaril and Lexi Star.

"He's here every day, and he makes sure that everything gets done," said Mr. Grove.

Mr. Mancilla is the second generation of his family to receive this award—his father, Oscar Mancilla, Sr., won it in 2003



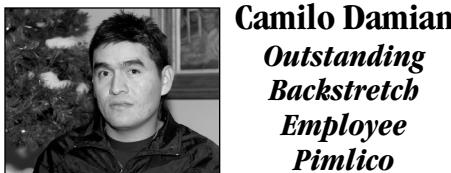
Catherine Thompson Outstanding Backstretch Employee Laurel

A "hotwalker with extra duties" is how Cathy Thompson describes her role in Katy Voss's barn. She runs the shedrow in conjunction with Yvonne (Bumble) Alberts, who won this award in 1988.

Ms. Thompson, a native of Kensington, Md., has been around horses most of her life.

She rode and showed as a child, and worked as an on-farm exercise rider for Donald Bradley and Sonny Sims before coming onto the race track as an exercise rider for Charlie Lewis in the late 1970s.

She has been employed by Ms. Voss since the early 1990s.



Camilo Damian Outstanding Backstretch Employee Pimlico

"He learned a lot in a very short time, and he keeps getting better and better," says Holly Robinson of Camilo Damian.

Mr. Damian, 22, went to work for Ms. Robinson three years ago, in his first season in this country on a work visa, and has returned each year since.

Until then, he'd had no experience with horses.

Last summer his skills were put to the test when he was the only groom working for Ms. Robinson at Colonial Downs.

"We shipped a lot of horses back and forth. Some of them needed special treatment. Camilo handled them all. And we won a lot of races," says Ms. Robinson.

Breeders' Cup suspends 2009 stakes program

Projecting a \$10 million drop in revenue for 2009, the Breeders' Cup has announced that it will suspend all Breeders' Cup funding for stakes during the upcoming year.

The reduction was necessary in order to maintain the Breeders' Cup World Championships purses at their current level, according to officials within the organization.

The Breeders' Cup also intends to slash more than \$5 million from its television and marketing budget.

Several changes in the schedule of nominating fees were also announced for next year's Breeders' Cup World Championships to be run November 6 and 7 during the Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita.

Video Lottery Facility Location Commission appointed



The seven-member commission that will choose Maryland's slots licensees is now in place.

As called for by law, three members, including the chairman, were appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley, and two each by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. and House Speaker Michael E. Busch.

Gov. O'Malley appointed as chairman Donald C. Fry, president and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee.

Mr. Fry served in the House of Delegates from 1991 to 1997 and went on to a term in the Senate, representing Harford and Cecil counties. He is one of a

few legislators to have served on each of the major budget committees of the Maryland General Assembly.

Gov. O'Malley's other appointees are Linda Read of Cecil County, secretary and treasurer for Paul Risk Associates, a commercial builder, and Ella Pierce, a former purchasing agent for Baltimore.

Mr. Miller appointed James H. Taylor, Jr., a retired Prince George's County Circuit Court judge, and Robert Neall, a former state senator and Anne Arundel County Executive.

Mr. Busch named to the panel Thomas P. Barbera of Montgomery County, who recently retired as chief executive officer for UnitedHealthcare's Mid-Atlantic region, and D. Bruce Poole, a lawyer from Washington County and a former state legislator.



Racing schedule for 2009 expected to follow established pattern

The Maryland Racing Commission has approved a schedule of racing for 2009, but the exact dates when Laurel and Pimlico will conduct live racing have not been determined beyond the Laurel winter meet.

Laurel has announced plans to offer 59 days of live racing for the 15-week meet that begins on Thursday, January 1 and ends on Saturday, April 11.

Racing will take place four days a week, on a Wednesday-through-Saturday schedule, with some holiday exceptions.

It is expected that Pimlico will open in mid-April, and the remainder of the racing schedule will mirror that of recent years, including a 10-day mini meet at Laurel in August.

However, if business falters, adjustments could occur.

IN MEMORIAM

Morgan W. (Sonny) Wayson, Jr., an owner/breeder in Maryland since the 1970s, died on November 18 at the age of 69. He and his wife, Janet Leatherbury Wayson, campaigned a number of stakes winners, most recently home-bred Lightning Paces and Apple Special.

Gerald J. (Jerry) Stautberg, 79, who successfully owned and bred horses in recent years with his wife, Caroline Stautberg, died on December 7. Mr. Stautberg was best known as the proprietor of Jerry's Chevrolet, the Baltimore auto dealership that he founded in 1957.

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to owners and trainers in Maryland.
Your suggestions are welcome.



Thanksgiving dinners are well attended

Rich Meyer, chairman of the MTHA's Health and Welfare Committee, reports that the annual Thanksgiving dinner was once again a much-appreciated event.

Hundreds of backstretch employees were served turkey dinners in the track kitchens at Bowie and Laurel, compliments of the MTHA.

The MTHA is proud to continue this longstanding tradition.

Horsemen's Counseling Program

Domestic problems? Substance abuse? Depression?

The Horsemen's Counseling Program is here to help.

For immediate and confidential services call Bill Borchardt at (301) 776-0404; (410) 542-4040; or (410) 368-5570 (pager).

Recreation report

From Dan Mangum,
MTHA Recreation Director

Poker

The MTHA will sponsor a mock Texas hold'em tournament on January 19 at Bowie, beginning at noon.

Basketball

One opening remains in the winter basketball league that begins in January.

To sign up, call Dan at (410) 802-5798.

Horsemen's calendar

RACING

Laurel Now through April 11
Pimlico/Laurel dates for the remainder of 2009 are not yet determined

Timonium Aug. 29-Sept. 7
Fair Hill May 23

FASIG-TIPTON MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS AT TIMONIUM

Two-year-olds in Training May 18, 19
(Entries close Feb. 16)

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Winter Mixed,
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154 Jan. 6-9

Keeneland January Horses of All Ages,
Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412 . . . Jan. 12-17

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed
Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555 . . . Feb. 8, 9
Ocala Breeders' Sales Company
Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154 Feb. 17
Fasig-Tipton Florida
Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training
Calder Race Course, Miami, Fla.
(859) 255-1555 March 3
Ocala Breeders' Sales Company
Adena Springs Two-Year-Olds in Training
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154 March 16
Ocala Breeders' Sales Company
Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154 March 17, 18
Ocala Breeders' Sales Company
Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154 April 20-23

Horsemen urged to participate in survey regarding unwanted horses

The Unwanted Horse Coalition is conducting a nationwide study to gain a better understanding of the issue.

It's hoped that the Study on Contributing Factors Surrounding the Unwanted Horse Issue will be instrumental in filling factual gaps with actual data on:

- Awareness of the unwanted horse problem and perceived trends in recent years.
- Level of concern.
- Factors contributing to the problem.
- Direct and indirect experience with the issue.

- Actions taken by owners.
- Expectations about responsibility and assistance.
- Solutions.

Information is being gathered from an online survey, in which horsepeople are asked to contribute their views.

To participate in the survey, visit <http://survey.ictgroup.com/uhsurvey/>.

Stephens, an independent research firm, developed the questionnaire and is hosting the online survey site. The company will tabulate and analyze responses and provide a report.

New shoe rule to take effect January 1

Starting January 1, 2009, the Maryland Jockey Club will put into effect a new rule regarding shoes worn by a horse during a race.

A horse may not be permitted to start if it has shoes with toe grabs which:

- (1) are greater than 2 millimeters in height; or
- (2) contain bends, jar carks or any other traction device worn on the front hooves.



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Thoughts and comment

A number of people responded to our request in last month's newsletter for contributions to the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Political Action Committee (PAC) (see notice on page 1).

But we're still a long way from reaching our goal.

If all of us contributed to the extent that we can afford, the PAC would be well funded and horsemen and the entire industry would be well served, now and in the future, in Annapolis.

Prosperity is within sight, thanks to the passage of the slots referendum. But the slots program—while written into law—still is vulnerable to change by the

legislature. Potentially, the racing industry could lose some or all of the important provisions that we lobbied long and hard to secure.

In 2010, every seat in the state legislature will be up for election.

We must do our best to ensure that those legislators who have supported us in the past receive our support in their bid for reelection.

The only way we can provide that support is through a strong and well-funded PAC. We can't do it without your help.

/Arnold A. Heft, MTHA Director,
Legislative Committee Chairman