



The Horsemen's Newsletter

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O'Malley taps Ulman for Racing Commission post



JIM McCUE

Lou Ulman

Louis Jay (Lou) Ulman has been appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley to serve as Chairman of the Maryland Racing Commission. He succeeds John B. Franzone, whose term expired.

Mr. Ulman previously served as Commission Chairman from 2001 to 2003.

He was first appointed as a member of the Commission in 2001. In 2005, he did not gain reappointment from Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., but returned to the Commission in 2007 upon an appointment by Gov. O'Malley.

An active Thoroughbred owner/breeder, Mr. Ulman campaigns horses both on his own and in partnership with Dale Capuano (his longtime trainer) and Costas Triantafilos. His best runners have included stakes winners Praise Heaven, Search for a Cure and No Pressure.

Mr. Ulman is senior principal attorney with the Mid-Atlantic-based law firm Offit Kurman.

He and his wife, Diana Ulman, live in Howard County. They are the parents of Howard County Executive Ken Ulman and Doug Ulman, who is president and CEO of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Lien for care and custody

Maryland law regarding a lien for care and custody of livestock is posted on the MTHA's Web site, www.mdhorsemen.com. The link appears in the box on the right side of the home page.

Penn National Gaming pursues co-ownership of MJC

Penn National Gaming Inc. (PNG) has entered into an agreement to operate Laurel Park and Pimlico in a joint venture with the tracks' new owner, MI Developments Inc. (MID).

Under a possible scenario that is still unfolding, PNG will manage the slots business at Laurel, while MID attends to racing at Laurel and Pimlico. That is contingent, of course, on the November referendum that aims to overturn slots zoning at Arundel Mills mall, and a successful bid for a slots site at Laurel.

A major casino company based in Wyomissing, Pa., PNG owns and operates thriving racinos at Charles Town

and Penn National, and is in the process of building a slots facility in Cecil County, Md. Maryland law prohibits a company from holding two slots licenses; it is unclear how that provision will be dealt with.

On April 29, the Maryland Racing Commission voted to approve the transfer of the Maryland Jockey Club assets from Magna Entertainment Corp. to its parent company, MID.

At the Commission's regular monthly meeting on May 18, executive director Mike Hopkins said the Commission was awaiting a written request from PNG before considering any prospective deal.

PAC CONTRIBUTION: YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Once again, Maryland is gearing up for a major election. This coming November, we will elect a governor. In addition, all legislative seats are up for vote. As in the past, we must do our best to ensure that those who have supported the interests of the racing industry have an opportunity to do so in the future.

Please help by making a donation to your Political Action Committee. Donations will go toward the election campaigns of state officials who hold the best promise for our industry.

The Thoroughbred Horsemen's PAC advocates for the entire Maryland Thoroughbred industry, while promoting the interests of horsemen.

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

By authority Wayne W. Wright, Treasurer



MARYLAND SCHEDULE DURING COLONIAL DOWNS

The Colonial Downs meet extends from May 29 to July 21.

Colonial Downs—Racing Office: (877) 482-7223, (804) 966-7223; Fax: (804) 966-5110; Stewards during racing hours: (804) 966-7223, ext. 1023, 1024, 1025; Stewards during non-racing hours: (804) 966-7403, (804) 966-7414.

MTHA

The MTHA Office at Laurel will be open Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Maryland Racing Commission

The Maryland Racing Commission office is closed. Questions regarding Lasix should be directed to the Commission's main office at (410) 296-9682, (410)

296-9683; Fax: (410) 296-9687.

Horsemen's Bookkeeper

The Horsemen's Bookkeeper's Office will be open at Laurel, Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gate schooling

Bowie—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Laurel—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Laurel turf course

The turf course at Laurel will be closed during the Colonial meet.

Stall issues

Bowie—Contact Jerry Burdick (301) 802-9440.

Laurel—Contact Charlie Hall (301) 674-5108.

Stable area issues

Bowie—Contact Victor (Blue) Marshall (240) 876-6414.

Laurel—Contact Tony Edwards (443) 250-9872.

Race track issues

Contact David Whitman (443) 250-9870.

Horse tattoos

To have a horse tattooed, the trainer should call Frank Saumell (410) 419-5872.

Check cashing at Laurel

Checks will be approved Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. only. Limit for check cashing is \$2,000. You must present your MRC license in order to cash a check.

Preakness's future on solid (Maryland) ground

Under a new agreement with the state of Maryland, the Maryland Jockey Club's parent company, MI Developments Inc. (MID), has assured that the Preakness will remain in Maryland.

The Preakness covenant is binding on any future owners of the MJC, and stipulates that any disputes about the agreement will be decided in a Maryland court.

"When Magna entered bankruptcy last year, working with the Governor's Office, the Office of Attorney General immediately drafted emergency legislation granting Maryland condemnation authority over Magna's Maryland assets, including Preakness," said Maryland's Attorney General, Doug Gansler. "That law, in conjunction with the state's existing right of first refusal over any transfer of Pimlico, gave Maryland the hammer we needed to work out an agreement with new owner MID. I'm pleased that we were able to provide the legal support to the governor to ensure the Preakness forever remains a Maryland tradition."

Hoofprints

Maryland Jockey Club honors Lillis



Bobby Lillis

Bobby Lillis, benefits coordinator for the Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund and a longtime advocate for the industry, in particular backstretch workers, was named Honorary Postmaster for the 135th Preakness.

At Pimlico's Alibi Breakfast on May 13, Mr. Lillis was presented with the title, which annually bestows recognition on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the industry.

Maryland's Equine Census now underway

Maryland's 2010 Equine Census is un-

derway. All horsemen are urged to participate. If you received a census form, please complete and return it as soon as possible.

Horse owners who have not received a census form are asked to contact the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office, at (410) 841-5740 or (800) 675-0295.

Upbeat sale at Timonium

In one of the most positive economic markers to appear in Maryland for quite some time, the average and median rose 14 percent and 8 percent, while the buy-back rate fell to a remarkably low 12.5 percent, at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training held May 17 in Timonium.

Sales highlights included the most expensive female Thoroughbred ever sold at public auction in Maryland—a \$650,000 daughter of Medaglia d'Oro.

A total of 273 horses were sold for

\$13,099,500. The average was \$47,984, and the median was \$27,000.

Dogwood Dominion Award

Deadline to submit nominations is June 16 for the annual Dogwood Dominion Award, recognizing unsung heroes of the racing industry. Dogwood Stable will present the winner with \$5,000 and a bronze statue of the champion Dominion. Nominations may be submitted at www.dogwoodstable.com.

A special memorial

The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's Marion duPont Scott Center provides an opportunity to pay tribute humans or animals with an engraved brick in the Walk of Honor in its Memorial Garden.

A tax-deductible contribution of \$75 is required. For more information call Amy Troppmann at (703) 771-6843 or e-mail atroppmann@vt.edu.



Unwanted Horse Coalition widens assistance resources

The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) provides a wide variety of information for owners and trainers dealing with the difficult problems that often arise when a horse can no longer race.

The UHC's Web site—www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org—now has an Additional Assistance page with links to haybanks and feedbanks, vaccination, gelding and euthanasia clinics, as well as sites offering equine welfare grants.

The new page can be found under the Resources section.

Additional Assistance will be updated regularly as options become available.

Suggestions regarding additions to the new section may be e-mailed to Erica Caslin, UHC Director, at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org.

For more information about the Unwanted Horse Coalition, its goals and missions, call (202) 296-4031 or visit www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Adele E. Pruce, a partner with her husband, longtime trainer Ellis Y. Pruce, died on April 26. Mr. Pruce received the MTHA's Special Lifetime Award in 2005.

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The Horsemen's Newsletter reports on issues and events of interest to owners and trainers in Maryland. Your suggestions are welcome.

Pimlico receives full accreditation from NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance

Just prior to the Preakness, it was announced that Pimlico has been fully accredited by the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance.

Pimlico was given provisional accreditation in May 2009. At that time, it was deemed deficient in six areas that have since been addressed. The areas involved:

- Implementation of cushioned whips.
- Conformity with the Racing Commissioners International model rules regarding a pre-race sampling protocol for alkalizing substances.
- Out-of-competition testing (an issue under consideration by the Maryland Racing Commission).
- Frozen sample testing (the Maryland Jockey Club has petitioned the Maryland Racing Commission to adopt a rule allowing for frozen sample testing).
- Security assessment review and training (per Alliance requirements, Pimlico submitted itself on May 6 and 7 to an independent assessment by representatives of Organization of Racing Investigators).
- Compliance program (Pimlico has provided to the Alliance, and implemented, an effective compliance program that includes written documentation of all protocols required under the Alliance's Code of Standards).

For more information, visit www.NTRAalliance.com.

Recreation report

From Dan Mangum, MTHA Recreation Director. For information or to sign up for programs, call Dan at (410) 802-5798.

Poker

The next Texas hold 'em poker tournament is scheduled for July 12 in the Bowie track kitchen.

Sign up sheets are posted in the kitchens at Bowie and Laurel.

Orioles tickets

Winners of the second drawing for the Orioles ticket package were Gary Capuano, John Collins and Annamarie Starnes—all of Laurel Park.

The next drawing will be held on Satur-

day, July 17 in the Bowie kitchen at noon.

Continue to sign up in the track kitchens or call Dan Mangum.

Softball

Softball games are going on at Laurel. Additional teams or players are welcome.

Donations

The following generous people recently donated clothing, reading material and/or other items for distribution on the backstretch: Jack Aikens, Christine Bricker, J.D. Brown, Gene Gilhooly, Sylvia and Arnold Heft, Arlene and Herb Kushner, John Marshall, Miriam and Herb Mittenhal and Jerry Trone.

Horsemen's calendar

RACING

Colonial Downs May 29-July 21
Laurel Park Summer/fall dates TBA
Timonium TBA

**JIM MCKAY MARYLAND MILLION DAY
OCT. 2 AT LAUREL PARK**

**FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC AUCTIONS
AT TIMONIUM (410) 392-5555**

Eastern Fall Yearlings Oct. 5, 6
Entries close July 12
December Mixed Dec. 6
Entries close Sept. 20

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Ocala Breeders' Sales Company 2-year-olds and Horses of Racing Age
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. June 15

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Selected Yearlings Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. July 13, 14

Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearlings Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (516) 328-1800. Aug. 2, 3

Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Selected/Open Yearlings Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Aug. 23-26

Keeneland September Yearlings Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Sept. 12-26

Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Fall Mixed Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Oct. 18-21

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearlings Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Oct. 25-27

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected Fall Mixed Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Nov. 7, 8

Keeneland November Breeding Stock Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Nov. 7-20



Health Fairs set at Bowie and Laurel

Health Fairs will be offered in June—free of charge—to all backstretch workers.

Dates and locations are:

Thursday, June 24: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bowie Conference Room

Friday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Laurel Recreation Room

Scheduled services include cholesterol, prostate and blood pressure screenings, body fat composition



analysis, carbon monoxide and skin cancer testing, seated massage therapy and more.

Everyone employed on the backstretch—assistant trainers, exercise persons, grooms, hotwalkers, stable foremen, trainers, etc.—is encouraged to participate.

Note: A 12-hour fast is required for cholesterol tests.

All results are confidential and will be sent to the address that you provide.

Health Fairs are sponsored by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund.



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Thoughts and comment

Are you married to your job—in sickness and in health? Many people who take care of horses on the backstretch seem to feel that way. And they may not seek medical care for themselves until something major happens.

That's why the Backstretch Health Fairs (see article at the top of this page) serve such an important purpose.

It takes only a short break in the day—in most cases an hour or two—to receive a free check-up that in some instances has saved lives.

All individual results remain confidential, but the agency that administers the health fairs has informed us, in general terms, of many serious yet treatable

conditions that have been uncovered in the screenings.

Trainers—A healthy workforce is among your most valuable assets!

Of course, for a wide range of care, you can also visit the Backstretch Health Center in the track kitchen building at Laurel Park.

The Backstretch Health Center provides a medical doctor's services, free of charge, to all backstretch workers and their families. It is open on a first-come, first-served basis, Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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