



The Horsemen's Newsletter

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New OSHA Regulations To Affect Horsemen

Horse trainers consider themselves many things: strategists, conditioners, cheerleaders and sometimes life counselors. Thanks to recently updated federal rules passed down by the Occupational and Health Administration (OSHA) they now carry one other duty: detailed recordkeeper.

OSHA's updated recordkeeping rule expands the list of severe injuries that trainers—and all employers—must report to OSHA. Maryland is one of the states that must begin to comply with the new requirements on Jan. 1.



Beginning in 2015 trainers have to report:

All work-related fatalities within 8 hours of finding out about them. Trainers

only have to report fatalities

that occurred within 30 days of a work-related incident.

All work-related hospitalizations of one or more employees, this is down from three or more employees.

All work-related amputations of a limb or appendage that has been severed, cut off, amputated (either completely or partially); fingertip amputations with or without bone loss; medical amputations resulting from irreparable damage; and amputations of body parts that have since been reattached.

And all work-related losses of an eye.

For the inpatient hospitalization, amputation or eye loss, trainers must report the incident within 24 hours of learning about it. Employers only have to report an inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye that occurs within 24 hours of a work-related incident.

The new rules demand trainers under OSHA jurisdiction report all of the before mentioned to OSHA, even employers who are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA injury and illness records due to company size or industry.

Trainers currently have two options for reporting the event, and will soon have a third. They can tele-

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MTHA Christmas Party & Toy Drive

DECEMBER 15 • 6 P.M. – 10 P.M.

LAUREL PARK CARRIAGE ROOM



For tickets call 410-902-6842,
stop in the MTHA racetrack office
or visit mdhorsemen.com

For the second consecutive year the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association will host the popular Horsemen's Christmas Party celebration on Monday evening, Dec. 15, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Laurel Park's Carriage Room.

Dubbed *Maryland Racing's Party of the Year*, the MTHA Christmas party will feature a buffet dinner, open bar and a dance floor with tunes provided by one of the area's top DJs.

Also making an appearance is the Horsemen's Award ceremony to be held at the outset of the party.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, two for \$50 or \$45 each at the door and can be purchased on race days in the MTHA racetrack office at Laurel Park or by calling 410-902-6842. See Diana Pinones in the MTHA office for more details.

Horsemen are urged to purchase tickets in advance.

New for 2014 is the Horsemen's Toy Drive. MTHA is asking attendees to the party to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be collected at the door. Gifts will be distributed to children of backstretch workers during the holiday season.



Recreation Report

Softball

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Laurel/Bowie owners, trainers and backstretch workers hosted a doubleheader softball game with horsemen from Charles Town.

The team from Charles Town won the first game 9-4, but Laurel won the second game 16-6 behind the following players: Wayne Potts, Billy Bender, Dave Centeno, Eric Fowble, J.D. Brown, Grant Whitacre, and others.

Thanks to all the players and fans who showed up and supported the teams! Everyone had a great time.



Bowling

The next MTHA Bowling tournament is scheduled for Nov. 17 or 18 at Columbia Lanes. Exact day and time will be posted soon.

Orioles Ticket Raffle

The winners of the Oriole Playoff ticket lottery were Katy Voss and Manuel Gallagos (Gary Capuano). They won tickets to the Division Series and Championship Games.

Donations

Josephine Owens, J.D. Brown, Jaime Patterson, Charles Frock, Pheobe Hayes, Katherine Size, Rosemary Lishia and Jack Adamcz all donated clothes and/or supplies to the clothes drive.

Please consider donating warm clothes for distribution on the backstretch this winter. Please drop off donations at the MTHA racetrack office or call Diana Pinones 410-902-6844.

Racing Media Association Honors Snyder, Magee and Carrasco

The Maryland Racing Media Association will honor three members of the state's Thoroughbred racing community at its annual Crab Feast, Nov. 8, at Laurel Park.

Harold Snyder, chairman of International Sound Corp., will receive the organization's highest honor, the Humphrey S. Finney Award, given in recognition of lifetime contributions to the Maryland horse racing industry. Snyder's company provides high-quality products and services for the racing and sports industries, including video production, digital graphics, sound, photo finish, and timing systems. The privately held company, now guided by Snyder's son David, serves dozens of racetracks across the United States and internationally, including Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, and Timonium.

No Marylander made more national news than did jockey Victor Carrasco in the last year, and for that, the Association will award him its Dale Austin Newsmaker Award. The young native of Puerto Rico led the nation's apprentice riders with 215 wins in 2013 after finishing with a rush, and those efforts earned him the Eclipse Award as top apprentice jockey. Carrasco made an immediate impression when he landed in the mid-Atlantic, finishing second by wins among jockeys at the Pimlico spring meet and then second at Delaware Park's 2013 meet, one behind meet leader Alex Cintron. Those, however, were merely the warmup for what came next. With a flurry of multi-win days, Carrasco ran away with the Lau-

rel Park fall meet riding title, posting 69 wins, 19 more than his nearest competitor. Carrasco has continued his winning ways in 2014, which opened with him posting his first stakes winner on Jan. 4.

Dale Austin, who passed away in May, was a longtime racing reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* and later the *Annapolis Capital*.



An award-winning journalist, he served as president of the Maryland Racing Media Association.

Trainer Kieron Magee has risen from virtual obscurity to the top of the Maryland training ranks in a short time, and for that he

will receive the Nancy Alberts Achievement Award. Magee, stabled at Pimlico, caught the racing community by surprise when he finished fourth by wins among trainers at the Laurel Park fall meet in 2013, scoring 19 times from just 53 starters; each of the three trainers ahead of him (Hugh McMahon, Jamie Ness, and Juan Vazquez) made at least twice as many starts as did Magee. He proved that was no fluke this year, finishing in a four-way tie for the Laurel winter meet lead, again with 19 wins, and then earning his first training title during the Pimlico spring meet with 18 wins. Through Oct. 27, he has won 69 of 268 starts this year.

The late Nancy Alberts was a longtime Maryland trainer best known for her work with Magic Weisner, the Maryland-bred gelding who nearly swiped the 2002 Preakness from War Emblem, closing fast to be second at 45-1 odds. Magic Weisner later won the Grade 2 Ohio Derby and finished second in the Grade 1 Haskell Invitational. Alberts passed away in 2011.

Founded in 1937, the Maryland Racing Media Association includes professionals involved in disseminating information about Thoroughbred racing and breeding. The organization runs a scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to people working in the state's Thoroughbred industry seeking to further their educations; and it was one of the founding organizations, along with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, of the Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame.



News Clips

MTHA Aftercare Grants To Be Awarded Soon

The Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association received eight total applications for assistance from non-accredited Thoroughbred aftercare facilities. The Board-appointed Aftercare Committee led by director Christine Bricker expects to announce grants in the coming months.

The MTHA distributes 50% of aftercare monies collected as part of the Purse Protection & Retirement program to regional facilities that accept retired Thoroughbreds from Maryland trainers but are not accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

The remaining funds are allocated directly to TAA, who earmarks these funds solely to accredited facilities within Maryland.

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phone the nearest OSHA Area Office during normal business hours or telephone the 24-hour OSHA hotline at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). OSHA is also developing a new means of reporting events electronically, which will be available shortly at www.osha.gov.

OSHA further informs that a trainer reporting a fatality, inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye must report the following information:

Establishment name; location of the work-related incident; time of the work-related incident; type of reportable event (fatality, inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye); number of employees who suffered the event; names of the employees who suffered the event; contact person and his or her phone number; and brief description of the work-related incident.

Trainers do not have to report an event if it resulted from a motor vehicle accident on a public street or highway, unless the event happened in a construction work zone.

They do not have to report if it occurred on a commercial or public transportation system (airplane, subway, bus, ferry, streetcar, light rail or train); occurred more than 30 days after the work related incident in the case of a fatality or more than 24 hours after the work related incident in the case of inpatient hospitalization, amputation or eye loss.

Trainers do not have to report an inpatient hospitalization if it was for diagnostic testing or observation only. But they do have to report an inpatient hospitalization due to a heart attack, if the heart attack resulted from a work-related incident.

For more information concerning the updated requirements, visit OSHA's webpage on the revised recordkeeping rule at www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014.

Board Actions



MTHA Board Meeting – October 9, 2014

Members present: Timothy L. Keefe (President), Linda S. Gaudet (Vice President), R. Larry Johnson (Vice President), Michael F. Horning (Treasurer), A. Ferris Allen, Christine E. Bricker, Dale Capuano, JoAnn Hayden, Robert T. Manfuso, H. Graham Motion, Lawrence E. Murray, Charles J. Reed, Michael J. Trombetta and Katharine M. Voss.

Members absent: Ellen M. Charles

Thanksgiving Dinners

The Board unanimously voted to approve all expenditures related to serving Thanksgiving Dinners to backstretch employees and their families on Thanksgiving Day at Bowie, Laurel Park and Pimlico.

Committees

The Board unanimously established the following committees:

RACING: Linda S. Gaudet (chair)

Condition Book Subcommittee:

Dale Capuano, Linda S. Gaudet,

Charles J. Reed and

Katharine M. Voss

Backstretch & Safety Subcommittee:

Linda S. Gaudet (Bowie), Lawrence E.

Murray, Christine E. Bricker (Pimlico) and H. Graham Motion (Fair Hill)

Aftercare Subcommittee: Christine E.

Bricker, Ellen M. Charles and JoAnn Hayden

Communications Subcommittee:

Michael J. Trombetta

Recreation Subcommittee:

A. Ferris Allen

Health & Welfare Subcommittee:

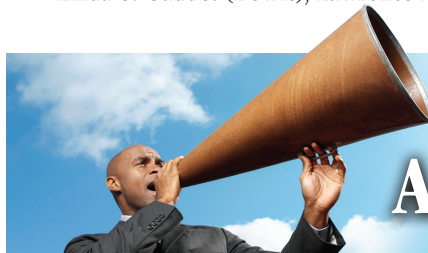
Lawrence E. Murray

OVERSIGHT: R. Larry Johnson (chair),

Charles J. Reed, Robert T. Manfuso and Linda S. Gaudet.

FINANCE/GOVERNANCE: Michael F.

Horning (chair), Ellen M. Charles, JoAnn Hayden and Katharine M. Voss



Important Announcements

Medication Warnings

Recent research suggests the possibility that when phenylbutazone is co-administered with methocarbamol (Robaxin), the clearance time of the methocarbamol is delayed. Accordingly, if you are administering phenylbutazone in conjunction with methocarbamol, the recommended withdrawal time for the administration of methocarbamol should be extended. We strongly recommend that you consult with your veterinarian regarding the use of these medications in combination.

Please also be advised that the recommended dosage and withdrawal time recommendations contained in the new Uniform Medication and Drug Testing Program do not apply when using compounded medications. There is limited regulatory oversight and quality control on how these medications are prepared.

Check Cashing Policy

MJC can ONLY cash checks written in black or blue ink.

Lasix Fees Due

By order of the stewards, please be advised, any delinquent lasix fees or nomination payments payable to the Horsemen's bookkeeper in arrears of 45 days will result in suspension of your MRC license. Please avoid this by maintaining a proper balance with the bookkeeper.

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The MTHA Aftercare Program is a leading initiative of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and coordinated by MTHA Board members Christine Bricker (chair), JoAnn Hayden and Ellen Charles. The program is funded by an optional \$6 per start deduction as part of the Purse Protection and Retirement Program which began in April 2013.

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