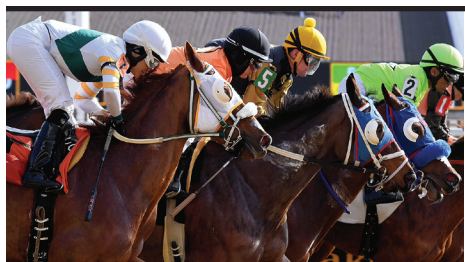




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## COMMISSION EXPANDS OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING PROGRAM

For more than a decade, the Maryland Racing Commission has had an out-of-competition testing rule to detect the illicit use of gene and blood doping agents, EPO and related substances and peptide-based drugs. The Commission has only conducted such testing among horses nominated to graded stakes and non-graded stakes races. Beginning February 2, the Commission will expand out-of-competition testing to horses eligible to race in all races.

In January, 2017, a new expanded out-of-competition testing rule was adopted nationally. The new rule is in effect in all of the Mid-Atlantic states. The new rule expands the list of prohibited substances beyond gene and blood agents and peptide-based drugs to include anabolic steroids and other substances that have the potential to compromise the integrity of racing and are not necessary in the treatment of illness or injury for a horse in competition. **The Out-of-Competition Testing Rule rule does NOT apply to recognized therapeutic medications and substances whose use is routine and accepted.**

The list of substances that are being tested for can be found at [tharacing.com](http://tharacing.com) and the MTHA's website. In addition to listing the prohibited substances, the rule lists the horses eligible for testing, the specifics of such testing

## Tickets On Sale For Inaugural Maryland Renaissance Awards

The Maryland racing and breeding community will celebrate the state's champions at the first Renaissance Awards dinner Feb. 12.

Awards will recognize excellence in 2017: Maryland-bred champions by division, Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, Maryland Owner of the Year, Maryland Trainer of the Year, Maryland Jockey of the Year, and the MTHA Grooms of the Year.

The event will be held at the Sagamore Pendry Baltimore, which is located at 1715 Thames Street, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150, which includes valet parking. Tickets

can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/2AKPXFA>. Those that prefer a vegetarian dinner option should email Jordyn Egan at [jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com](mailto:jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com).

Please note that tickets won't be mailed; your name will be at the door. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Beyond The Wire, Maryland's aftercare program; the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation; and horse industry scholarships.

The evening of celebration follows another successful Maryland Horse Industry Day, which was held Jan. 31 in Annapolis. The event offers industry stakeholders a chance to network, listen to speakers about how the legislative process works, and to meet with individual members of the legislature or their staff.

Several cabinet secretaries under Gov. Larry Hogan as well as some lawmakers were on hand to visit with horse industry representatives, and they were very receptive to the progress racing and breeding has made.

"It's a great industry," Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller said. "We need to preserve it, we need to protect it, and we need to enhance it."

"The decisions we made in the General Assembly have helped Maryland become the number one breeding state, or at least make it neck and neck with Kentucky," House Speaker Michael Busch said.



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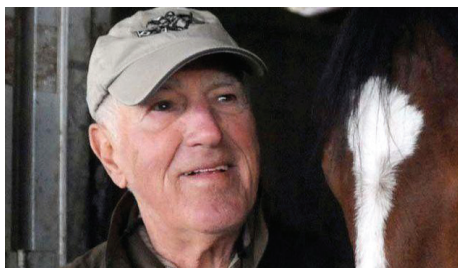
# Racing Fondly Remembers Eddie Gaudet

Horsemen in Maryland and beyond remember Edmond "Eddie" Gaudet not only for his horsemanship, but for his love of family and friends and for his sense of humor.

Gaudet, who had Alzheimer's disease, died Jan. 4 at his home in Upper Marlboro, Md. He was 87. He is survived by his wife, Linda, who took over the stable several years ago; and daughters Lacey, now the trainer of record, and Gabrielle, a racing analyst and reporter in New York and Florida who began her on-air career in Maryland.

"Do you want the PG version?" Laurel Park-based trainer Ferris Allen said with a laugh. "Eddie was certainly among the most colorful members of the backside—always. He was sometimes irreverent but with a humorous bent on everything, and erroneously thought he was a poet."

The Gaudet operation was based at Bowie Race Course, and it remained there from 1985, the year racing ended, through the spring of



2015, when it closed for training. Gaudet and his family were part of tightly knit group of horsemen, some of whom wouldn't mind going back to Bowie if the opportunity arose.

"There will only be one of him," trainer Dale Capuano, who was based at Bowie, said of Gaudet. "There will never be another like him. He could do everything—he basically built his farm. I can remember my brother Gary and my dad helping build the barn—I was the director rather than the worker. We had some fun times back then."

Trainer Phil Schoenthal said Gaudet played an important role in his career when he first came to Maryland and stabled at Bowie. He said the family took him out to dinner to make him feel comfortable.

"The Gaudets were always good to me," Schoenthal said. "I remember Eddie telling me, 'Son, I wish you could have been here 30 to 40 years ago. It was a lot more fun back then.' When I was around Eddie, it was never not entertaining."

Gaudet grew up in Massachusetts and



The Maryland Racing Commission Jan. 25 gave its approval for Phase 2 of a feasibility study on the future use of Pimlico Race Course, and also discussed legislation expected to be introduced by Maryland lawmakers during their current 2018 session.

Phase 1 of the study, released early last year, focused on improvements that could be made to the aging facility that hosts the Preakness Stakes each year. Phase 2 would look into a complete rebuild and creation of a year-round multi-use facility, MRC Executive Director Mike Hopkins said.

"The first phase didn't go as far as some people thought it would," Hopkins said. "This would be more of an in-depth look at the infrastructure and reconstruction of the entire facility."

Phases 1 and 2 combined are projected to cost \$460,000. The action by the MRC at its meeting will allow the Maryland Stadium Authority, which is overseeing the study, to make a presentation before the legislature, which must approve funding for it.

If funding for Phase 2 is approved by the legislature, the results could be available by next spring, Hopkins said.

Meanwhile, the morning of the racing commission meeting, Del. Pat McDonough held a press conference at which he called for creation of a "super track" and event center in Baltimore County, not the city, where Pimlico is located. He said he has "submitted legislation that will create a study group dedicated to the possibility of moving (Pimlico) and the Preakness into Baltimore County."

moved to Maryland in the 1950s. He became a fixture on the circuit but also raced horses at many other tracks in the Mid-Atlantic region.

According to Equibase, Gaudet won 1,735 races with \$23,495,278 in purse earnings from 1959 until his retirement in 2011, when he turned the stable over to his wife and oldest daughter. He won his last two races Dec. 16, 2011, at Laurel and sent out his final starter three days later at Parx Racing in Pennsylvania.

Gaudet was a multiple graded stakes-winning trainer: Star Touch won the General George Stakes at Laurel in 1991; Classy Cut took the Anne Arundel Handicap in 1985; and Alleged Impression captured the Garden State Stakes in 1994. He trained numerous other stakes winners and horses with career earnings in excess of \$150,000.

Gaudet left an impression not only in Maryland but in the region. New York-based trainer Gary Contessa, in a Twitter post, said Gaudet always made him laugh.

"He was a true horsemen, a great friend, and one of those people who would give you the shirt off his back," Contessa said. "He will surely be missed by this trainer and the racing industry."



## Rec Report

### Texas Hold'em

We held three poker games in the month of January.

The winners of the three tournaments were Campbell Wilson, Jack Hurley and Howard Wolfendale who went all in with 2-8 unsuited and caught a deuce on the river to knock out Steven Kell and Tim Walsh.

We be holding two poker contest in the month of February the first one will be Tuesday, February 13th and the second one on Tuesday, February 27th.

# MTHA Backstretch Pension Program, A Valuable Perk For Maryland's Horsemen

Retirement benefits for backstretch workers are a reality in Maryland, thanks to a program started by the MTHA in 1988. The Backstretch Pension Fund is derived from monies deducted from the Purse Account. Participants do not make individual contributions into the plan.

The Board of Directors of the MTHA annually allocates funds to support this program. The plan year 2017 contribution is \$400,000, which is distributed among all participant's accounts for that year.

Sign-ups for the Pension Program are conducted each spring at Laurel Park and Pimlico. At that time, employees must register to receive benefits based on the previous year.

For individual questions regarding your pension account contact Allison Bach. She

can be reached by calling 410-771-3035 or by email at [jhoffman@pollardpensions.com](mailto:jhoffman@pollardpensions.com) for questions about accounts or for information about cashing out.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PENSION PROGRAM

Anyone employed in the care of horses on the backstretch in Maryland in good standing, including trainers, are eligible to participate in the program.

Employees must have worked a minimum of 1,000 hours during the specified year in Maryland, and provide documentation to that effect (with a W-2 or 1099 form, or tax return) at time of sign-up.

Benefits become available when the employee reaches the age of 65, or at age 55 with 25 years of service.

## ➔ Out of Competition Testing

and other important information. Failure to cooperate can result in serious penalties.

For a limited number of prohibited substances that have some identified therapeutic purpose, reporting and racing restrictions may be required. Additionally, the new rule provides clear procedures for the uniform regulation and enforcement of the rule. For example, if Lasix, clenbuterol and albuterol are used therapeutically in training, trainers are required to have a prescription from their veterinarian.

Owners and trainers, as a condition of licensing, shall be deemed to have consented to access to the premises where the horse is located for purposes of an out-of-competition test. Consent is granted solely for purposes of collecting the out-of-competition samples from the horse, and no other search is permitted.

A horse is eligible to be out-of-competition tested if it is on the grounds of a racetrack or training center; it is under the care of a licensed trainer and owned by a licensed owner; it is entered or nominated to race; it has raced within the previous 12 months; it is nominated to a state breeders' fund. In addition, a racing commission can permit the trainer or owner of a horse not located on racetrack property to present the horse for testing at a time and location agreed to by the commission.

The racing commission can collect an out-of-competition sample for cause or within the discretion of a commission, at any reasonable time and without advance notice, and where the horse from whom the sample is sought is located, whether on or off racetrack property.

The latest model rule was the product of an extensive collaborative effort by industry organizations, regulators, regulatory attorneys and the scientific community to identify the substances that need to be prohibited or regulated for horses in training and to implement comprehensive procedures to ensure that the rule is effective and legally enforceable.

Further information on out-of-competition testing, therapeutic use exemptions, and the complete ARCI model rule are available at [TH-Aracing.com](http://TH-Aracing.com) under the Medication tab.



## 2017/18 MTHA Backstretch Pension

### Sign Up Schedule:

Pension Plan Registration for the plan year 2016 will take place at the following times and locations. Bring your MRC Badge and W-2, 1099, or tax return for 2017. For more information call the MTHA office at (410) 902-6842.

### April 23 through April 27

Laurel Track Kitchen,  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

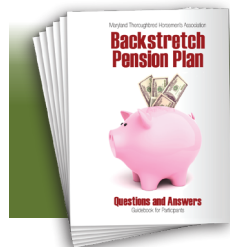
### April 30 through May 4

Laurel Track Kitchen,  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### May 7 through May 11

Pimlico MTHA Office,  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Failure to register will result in the loss of your 2017 benefit.**



Stop in the MTHA Racetrack Office or visit [mdhorsemen.com](http://mdhorsemen.com) for a copy of the MTHA Backstretch Pension Plan Guidebook to answer all your questions about the Plan.

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Tax time is here. The MTHA will assist backstretch workers and trainers to prepare and file their state and federal tax returns.

An appointment is required. Stop in the MTHA racetrack office during live racing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call 410-902-6843 to schedule.



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