

THE MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL

Sport Horse Committee

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Maryland-bred sport horses come in all breeds and sizes, and compete in every equestrian discipline there is. Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds, however, have been rocking the house of late in a wide range of non-racing disciplines.

As of press time, a great number of Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds are entered in the 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover sponsored by MHC member **The Retired Racehorse Project**. Horses by the following breeders are entered as of press time:

- Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Davidov & Schwaber – Carnegie Hall (Show Hunters, Show Jumping)
- Donald K. Dean – Alys Great Notion (Dressage)
- Germania Farms, Inc. – Scintillio (Eventing, Show Jumping)
- Hillwood Stables, LCC – Hello Amigo (Eventing)
- Horseplay Racing – Bandfromthebar (Dressage, Eventing)
- Jagger Inc. & Run To Win Stable – Hazel’s Little Man (Barrel Racing, Freestyle)
- Robert T Manfuso – Feature Act (Dressage, Show Hunters)
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe – Still Having Fun (Competitive Trail, Dressage)
- William Meister & Julie Arbogast – Zen Pi (Show Hunters, Show Jumping)
- Angie Gail Moore – Littlebitamedal (Competitive Trail)
- No Guts No Glory Farm – Little Bold Bandit (Competitive Trail)
- Timothy J. Rooney – Seany P (Dressage, Freestyle)
- Sagamore Farm – Maryland Pride (Eventing, Show Jumping)
- J.D. Stuart – Belfour (Eventing, Show Jumping)
- B. G. “Bob” Sowder – Goldie’s Boy (Show Hunters, Show Jumping)
- Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC – Road Abroad (Eventing, Show Hunters)
- Karen Marie Zeiler – Nineynine Excuses (Field Hunters, Show Hunters)
- Warwick Equine Services – Ricardito (Field Hunters, Show Hunters)

Quite a number of Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds also did well at the 2023 American Eventing Championships (AECs) at the Kentucky Horse Park last month. Point Nemo, bred by Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, finished third in the Modified Rider division and Ameristan, bred by Lady Olivia at North Cliff, LLC, finished ninth in the Beginner Novice Horse division. Upper Crown, bred by Arnoud Willem Dobber, and Silver Bop, bred by Susan H. Want, filled out the Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds at AECs.

Also in August, Point Nemo won the Preliminary division at the Ware-daca Farm H.T. in Laytonville.

In FEI (international) sanctioned competitions, Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Lincoln’s Address, bred by Larry Johnson, finished seventh in a large division of 50 competitors in the CCI3*-S at the Great Meadow International in August in Virginia. Lincoln’s Address is ridden by U.S. Olympian Philip Dutton, who is based in West Grove, Pennsylvania.

To top it all off, Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds pulled out some terrific finishes at the Seneca Valley Pony Club Horse Trials in Poolesville over Labor Day weekend. Absolute Zero (registered with the Jockey Club as Away to Freedom and bred by Country Life Farm & Winding Creek Farm) won the Open Preliminary division, repeating her victory in the



Three horses bred by MHC board member Elizabeth Callahan competed in the American Eventing Championships last month including Camarillo, pictured above, in the Advanced division.

same division at the Maryland International H.T. in July. Third place in that same division went to Third Times a Charm (Jockey Club name Tracy with a Y, bred by Dr. & Mrs. Bruce C. Wells). In the Top, another horse bred by Susan H. Wantz, clinched second place in the Novice Rider class, and Grateful Heart, bred by William Harris, took third in the highest division of the day, the Open Intermediate class.

Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds As Planned (bred by Estate of Joanna Ingham), Barb the Boss (Anchor & Hope Farm), and Sipping Champagne (Alice Edwards) completed the Beginner Novice division; and Stringfella, a five-year old bred by Susan H. Wantz, started his eventing career with a successful trip around the starter course.

On the non-Thoroughbred side, warmbloods bred by MHC Board member **Elizabeth Callahan** were well-represented at the upper levels at the AECs. Quantum Leap, the Maryland-bred Holsteiner gelding finished ninth in the Advanced division. Maryland-bred Holsteiner Camarillo also competed in the Advanced division and Maryland-bred Oldenburg gelding Quiberon competed at the Intermediate level.

Looking to the future, the next generation of Maryland-bred Event horses have qualified for the Young Event Horse championships, which will run alongside the **MARS Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill** on October 19-21. As of press time, the Maryland-bred qualifiers are the Cleveland Bay mare Magnific C’Imagination, bred by Marcia Brody; the Oldenburg gelding Utah Beach, bred by Elizabeth Callahan; and the Thoroughbred gelding Sea Ketch, bred by South Branch Equine, competing as The North Star.

While most of this article talked about Thoroughbreds – the state horse of Maryland – there are wonderful Maryland-bred sport horses of all breeds competing in almost every equestrian discipline there is.

We very much want to build our database out to include all Maryland-bred sport horses. Please send us information about any Maryland-bred horse you own or know of, along with the horse’s pedigree and competition record to Kim Egan, the chair of MHC’s Maryland-bred Sport Horse Committee. You can reach her at kegan@mdhorsecouncil.org.

WHAT IS A MARYLAND SPORT HORSE?

“A Maryland Sport Horse is a horse of any breed, including a mixed breed, that was foaled in Maryland and that has participated in at least three competitions with three or more participants in each, that were judged by a disinterested judge according to a publicly available set of rules.”