

THE MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL

Maryland-Bred Sport Horses



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May Sport Horse – Quarterly Competition Wrap-Up

The first three months of the 2024 competition season are in the books and it is time to celebrate the accomplishments of our Maryland Sport Horse breeders and their exceptional athletes. The horses and ponies listed won a division in a recognized competition in the first quarter of 2024. We have organized them by breed instead of discipline to showcase the diversity of Maryland's sport horses. If you don't see your winning Maryland-bred here, please send us the information at admin@mdhorsecouncil.org.

AMERICAN WARBLOOD

Melinda Cohen of Adamstown's five-year-old American Warmblood gelding **Carqui**, by Holsteiner stallion Windsors Qui Dandy out of Oldenburg mare Bogota (Bogota Car), won numerous jumper divisions at the Winter Spectacular show series in Ocala, Florida, this winter. Carqui won the 5-Year-Old Young Jumper 1.15m II division at six separate competitions this winter, starting January 3 and ending on March 10. Former Marylander and professional show jumper Aidan Smith-Fullerton was Carqui's pilot for every ride.

DUTCH WARBLOOD

Also in Ocala, Lazy J Sporthorse's (Northeast, MD) eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare **LJS Lana** won the Open Preliminary division at the Ocala Winter II Horse Trial on March 14. LJS Lana is by R Johnson out of Saretta (Olympic Ferro). Her last outing in Maryland was the 2023 Fair Hill International Horse Trial on April 21, where she won that event's Open Preliminary division as well.

HANOVERIAN

In Florida, Hilltop Farm's Hanoverian stallion **Louisville HTF** won the seven-year-old young horse tests at the Global Dressage Festival on March 7 and at White Fences on March 15. He also won the USEF Fourth Level Test 3 class at the Global Dressage Festival on February 16. Louisville HTF is by Lord Leatherdale out of Unicum-D (Negro). Hilltop's head trainer Michael Bragdoll, originally from Sweden, was with Louisville HTF for each win.

In Ohio, Maryland-bred Hanoverian **Red Jacket** was Champion Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 at the World Equestrian Center's Spring Forward show on March 6. Red Jacket is an 18-year-old gelding by Rotwing out of All That Jazz (XX), bred at Bascule Farm in Poolesville.

OLDENBURG

Nancy Holowesko's Oldenburg mares won numerous divisions this winter in Florida. Nancy Holowesko breeds a string of exceptional sport horses at her Crosiadore Farm in Trappe.

In Florida, Holowesko's 11-year-old Oldenburg mare **Arabesque**

(Flashdance CF) was Champion 3'6 Performance Hunter at the Wellington Equestrian Festival (WEF) on March 17 and Champion Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 (Sec. B) on March 16. She also won the \$100 Large Junior Hunter 3'6 16-17 U/S class at WEF on Feb. 13, and the \$600 Performance Hunter 3'6 class on January 30. Arabesque is by Furstenball out of Solar Eclipse (Sir Donnerhal). She has an exceptional competition record. In 2023 alone, she was Champion Large Junior 3'6 Hunter at the Washington International Horse Show at Showplace Arena; the National Horse Show in Kentucky; the Junior Hunter Nationals in Michigan; the Pennsylvania National in Harrisburg; and the Hampton Classic in Bridgehampton, New York.

Also in Florida, Holowesko's Oldenburg mare **Aura CF** won the USEF Third Level Test 3 (Jr-YR/AA/Open) at the World Equestrian Center Dressage show in Florida on February 14. Aura CF is by Belissimo out of Aussprache (Licotus). In 2023 she won the 2 USDF 2nd Level Freestyle* AA Region 3 Championship, in Florida on Oct. 5.

Yet another Holowesko Oldenburg mare, four-year-old **La Loire CF**, started her showing career this winter with wins in Florida breeding shows. She won both the USDF Materiale Mare/Filly class and the Young Horse Test-of-Choice class at White Fences on March 15. In December she won the Dressage Materiale Three Year Old Filies class at the Wellington Classic Winter Show.

She is by Grand Galaxy Win T out of La Violetta (Pip Bube).

High Point Hanoverians in Chestertown had two of its horses win this winter. In the desert Southwest, Klaus Schenber's eight-year-old Oldenburg gelding **Facetime** won the Third Level Test 3 class at the Arizona Dressage Association's Spring Celebration on February 3. He also won the Third Level Test-of-Choice class at Central Arizona Champagne Dressage on January 13. Facetime is by Furst Impression out of Mona Lisa (Mon Dieu).

A High Point Hanoverian Oldenburg mare, **Shameless**, took to the dressage arena at The First Dance in Louisiana on March 16. She won both the USEF Third Level Test 1 and the USEF Third Level Test 3. Shameless is nine years old, by Sinatra Song out of Stuckstable.

Dr. Elizabeth Callahan's six-year-old Oldenburg mare **Union City** was Champion Green Hunter 3'3 at the Ocala Masters on February 20. She also won the \$1,000 USHJA 3'3 Green Hunter Incentive at the Ocala Winter Festival on February 13. Union City is by Ulmar Mail out of Avalon (A Fine Romance).

RHEINLAND PFALZ-SAAR

Dr. Callahan also counted a Rehinland Pfalz-Saar on her list of winning horses. Ten-year-old mare **Bonaire** had an impressive win in the

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Joanna Jodko

Hilltop Farm's Louisville HTF, ridden here by Michael Bragdoll, has picked up several blue ribbons at the Global Dressage Festival while wintering in Florida.

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."

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Open Intermediate One-Day division at the Rocking Horse Winter Horse Trial in Florida on January 26. Just the week before, on January 20, Bonaire won the Preliminary/Modified Division at the Ocala Eventing Derby. Bonaire is by Bliss MF and, like Union City, out of Avalon (A Fine Romance).

THOROUGHBREDS

As is so often the case, Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds did well at spring horse trials up and down the East Coast.

Senior athlete **Galivantor** (Itaka x Roman Prospect (Proudest Roman)), a 26-year-old gelding with 20 starts at the track, won the Beginner Novice division at Full Gallop Farm Horse Trials in South Carolina on March 10. He was bred by Albert and Dandy Cohen.

Eleven-year-old gelding **Point Nemo** won the Junior Open Preliminary division at Pine Top Advanced Horse Trial in Georgia on February 25. He is by Songandaprayer out of Wood Not (Krissin Kris) and was bred by Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau.

Fan favorite **Silver Bop**, a 12-year-old gelding by Bop out of Silver Concern (Concern) won the Open Training division at the Full Gallop Farm Mid February Horse Trials in South Carolina on February 21. Two weekends earlier, on February 11, he won the Training/Novice division at the Pine Top Advanced Horse Trials in Georgia. Silver Bop was bred by Susan Wantz of Taneytown.

Timothy Keefe bred the eight-year-old gelding **Wonderful Courage** (Bourbon Courage x Wonderful Secret (Stevie Wonderboy), who won the Junior Novice Rider division at the Rocking Horse Winter I Horse Trials in South Carolina on January 27.

A Maryland-bred Thoroughbred also did well in the jumper ring. Eight-year-old mare **Indigo Midnight** (Kozub's Kin x Latifah (Allen's Prospect)) was Champion Take2 Thoroughbred Jumper at the Wellington Equestrian Festival in Florida on Jan. 30. Two months later, on March 12, she won the \$400 Take2 Thoroughbred Jumper (1.0m) II.2.b class, also at Wellington. She was bred by Anna Herold.

WELSH/WELSH MOUNTAIN/WELSH CROSS

Quite a number of Maryland's renowned Welsh Ponies and Welsh Mountain Ponies won in the hunter ring this winter, from Florida to New York State.

Prominent Maryland pony breeder John Almond, of Loafers Lodge Farm in Monkton, fielded four pony hunters this winter. **Loafers Lodge Buckaroo** (Rosmel's Dressed in Scarlet x Loafers Lodge Jazzaroo (Fox Cry Whinny the Pooh) was Champion Green Pony Hunter Small/Medium at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio on March 12. He was also Champion USHJA Hunter 2'0 at the Venice Equestrian Tour in Florida on January 21. He is an eight-year-old gelding.

Seventeen-year-old mare **Loafers Lodge Moonshadow** (Fox Cry Whinny the Pooh x Rosmel's Dream Weaver (Severn Thunder)) (competing as In a Dream) was Champion USHJA 2'0 Hunter at HITS Post Time Farm in Florida on January 21.

Thirteen-year-old gelding **Loafers Lodge Peter** (Fox Cry Whinny the Pooh x Loafers Lodge Penelope (Rollingwoods Pick My Way)) was Champion Small Children's Pony Hunter at the Wellington Equestrian Festival in Florida on January 23.

Loafers Lodge Virtual Party (Zephyrus Breaking Dawn x Loafer's Lodge Isis (Jacket's Man of the Road)) was Champion Pony Hunter Breeding at CJL Farm in New Jersey on February 24 and then again on March 9. He was also Best Young Pony Hunter at CJL Farm on February 14 and March 9. The three-year-old gelding was Best Young Pony Hunter Breeding at Winter Wonderland in Pennsylvania on February 11, February 18, February 19, and March 24.

Another prominent Welsh breeder, Nancy Reed from Land's End farm in Centerville, had three horses on the show circuit this winter. Eight-year-old mare **Land's End Cinnamon** (pedigree unknown) was Cham-

pion Children's Hunter Pony at March Madness II in South Carolina on March 8. She also won the Children's Hunter Pony Classic at the Cupid Classic Horse Show, also in South Carolina, on February 9.

Eight-year-old mare, **Land's End Electra** (Land's End Love Note x Third Try (Feel the Power)), was Champion Green Pony at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio on January 31 and again on April 3.

Land's End Piccadilly, a ten-year-old gelding by Cottrell Amadeus out of Land's End Chamade (Carolina Red Fox) was Champion USHJA Hunter 2' at the Winter Spectacular III in Florida on January 27.

Six other Maryland breeders had winning Welsh ponies this winter.

Hall-of-Fame jumper trainer Kim Stewart's 17-year-old mare **Blue-stocking** (by Blue Genes) won the \$1,000 Pony Hunter Classic at the Ocala Championships on March 19, and the \$1000 Pony Hunter Classic at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio on January 17. She also won four other championships:

- Champion Large Schooling Hunter Pony at the Ocala Championships in Florida on March 19;
- Champion Children's Hunter Pony Large 2'6 at Heritage Acres IV in Pennsylvania on February 25;
- Champion Pony Hunter at Swan Lake in Pennsylvania on February 16.
- Champion Pony Hunter at the Partridge Run Winter Classic in Pennsylvania on February 25.

On February 20, Lisa Carr's 15-year-old mare **Yardley Fox** (competing as Bragging Rights) won the Marshall & Sterling USEF Pony Medal on the Desert Circuit in California. She is by Blue Fox out of Taylor.

Veteran campaigner **Highland's Heaven Sent** was Champion Children's Pony Hunter Small/Medium at the Wellington Equestrian Festival in Florida on March 5. This 22-year-old mare was bred by Jean Marie Gelber of Highland and is by JLA Sir William out of Windair (J Hunt).

In January and February, John Lindsley's **A Momentary Spring** (competing as Ka-Chow) won four Itty Bitty Jumper championships this winter at the Wellington Equestrian Festival. Ka-Chow is a 12-year-old mare by Farnley Tiber out of Winter Wind (Severn West Wind)

Alyse Best Muldoon's 18-year-old gelding **Kudos** (Land's End Poseidon x Secret Attack (Raise a Secret)) was Champion Large Pony Hunter at Old Salem Farm, New York, on March 20. On March 1, he was also Champion Children's Hunter Pony at Old Salem earlier in the month. At the March 1 show he won the \$500 M&S/NAL Children's Hunter Classic.

The last of our Welsh pony winners is Dr. Lucy van Voorhees's 16-year-old gelding **Waystead Domingo**, competing as News Day, in California. At the Sacramento Spring Classic on March 27, he was Champion Medium/Large Pony Hunter and the winner of the Balius Insurance Pony Hunter Classic. On the Desert Circuit in Southern California, he was Champion Children's Hunter Pony Large on February 13 and again on February 20.

WESTPHALIAN

A veteran of the 2021 hunter breeding show circuit, five-year-old Westphalian stallion **Alls Well**, started his 2024 season as Champion Low Children's Hunter at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio on March 20. He was bred by Jamie Denise Sullivan of Queen Anne, and is by Apiro out of Chips of Clay (Red Clay Tributary).

Klaus Schenber's nine-year-old Westphalian gelding **Maritime**, by Monte Bellini out of Royal Diamond (Rubinstein), won three championships at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio and one championship here in Maryland. In Ohio, he was Champion WEC Hunter 3' B on February 14, and both Champion Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 and Champion Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 on February 15. On March 28, he was Champion Children's Hunter 3' 15-17 at the W. Gary Baker Spring Classic at McDonogh School in Owings Mills.