

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN



Thoroughbred breeding and racing news

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Jim McCue

## Sweet Goodbye says hello to seventh stakes win in Conniver

William R. Harris's homebred Sweet Goodbye put in a workmanlike performance as she trounced five other Maryland-bred fillies and mares in the \$70,000 Conniver Stakes on March 13 at Laurel Park.

Kept to task racing to the finish to win by two and a quarter lengths over late-closing longshot Call of a Lion, Sweet Goodbye completed the seven furlongs over the sloppy going in 1:23.85. The daughter of Louis Quatorze paid \$2.40 as the 1-5 betting favorite.

All Giving, the champion Maryland-bred older female of 2009 making her first start of the year, was four lengths back in third, followed by (in order of finish) Sterling Vow, Fascinatn' Rhythm and Lori Z's Punch.

"She is awesome," said winning jockey J.D. Acosta, who has been aboard the 5-year-old Sweet Goodbye in all 14 career starts. "She has learned to run from behind which has made her a much more complete runner."

The Chris Grove trainee has won 10 races, including seven stakes, for \$436,072. This was Sweet Goodbye's third added-money score in a row, as she completed a Laurel Park stakes trifecta with victories in the What a Summer (Jan. 9) and Grade 2 Barbara Fritchie Handicap (Feb. 13).

"I wasn't expecting her best effort today," Grove said. "But we got exactly what we wanted leading into her next race."

The conditioner indicated Sweet Goodbye's next start would be in the \$250,000 Sugar Maple Stakes at Charles Town on April 17.

Grove, best known for training millionaire mare Silmaril, winner of 12 stakes races at five different distances, won both Grade 2 handicaps at Laurel last month, also taking the General George Handicap-G2 with Greenspring.

"I am really happy," added Grove. "With each accomplishment a new target unfolds and with each there is more pressure. I am looking at these two [Sweet Goodbye and Greenspring] and attempting to reach the millionaire mark. With each accomplishment you come up with bigger and better goals. That is what drives me."

## WANTED: Your Zoning Horror Stories!

*From the Maryland Horse Council*

As the Maryland Horse Council (MHC) begins the research phase of its Save the Horse Farms campaign, it needs to hear from you about issues that have arisen in your county. MHC understands that many farms are either out of compliance or are seeking exceptions to zoning laws and do not want to bring attention to themselves. MHC will not publicize any specific cases without consent of the affected parties.

The MHC will conduct a Save the Horse Farms campaign meeting on Thursday, March 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lodge at Pleasant Prospect Farm, 4389 Jennings Chapel Road, Brookeville, MD 20833.

Please attend the March 18 meeting, or e-mail [admin@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:admin@mdhorsecouncil.org) to share your story. We need your story if we are going to make Maryland a more horse-friendly state.

For more information or to register for the meeting, go to <http://mhc-savethehorsefarms.eventbrite.com/>

## Comprehensive list of storm recovery resources is available

*From the Maryland Department of Agriculture*

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, along with state and federal agency partners, has worked to identify damage caused by the snow storms and respond to needs that the

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agriculture community may have in order to clean up, recover and rebuild from storm-related damage. The goal is to help producers get back in full operation and/or recover losses as quickly as possible. To that end, it has compiled a list of resources that are available to producers depending upon specific situations.

The list of resources includes information about indemnity programs, emergency grants and loans, instructions for emergency burning permits, and information about rebuilding and rebuilding in more energy efficient ways as well as cash incentives for energy projects.

The list is posted at [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us) under Hot Topics

## Maryland celebrates National Agriculture Week

*From the Maryland Department of Agriculture*

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is celebrating National Agriculture Week March 14 to 20. One-third of Maryland's land, or two million acres, is in farms.

"Maryland's agriculture industry is vital to the long-term health of the state's economy, environment and quality of life," said Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance. "Agriculture week is a great time to recognize the hard work of our farm families

### Maryland-bred stakes horses— 3/8/10 to 3/14/10

1st: SWEET GOODBYE, m, 5, Louis Quatorze—Thirty Eight Steps, by Thirty Eight Paces. O/B-William R. Harris. \$70,000 CONNIVER S, Laurel Park, 3/13.

2nd: Call of a Lion, f, 4, Lion Hearted—Cavalanche, by Caveat. O-C and B Stables, B-Susanne Pearce. \$70,000 CONNIVER S, Laurel Park, 3/13.

3rd: All Giving, m, 6, Allen's Prospect—Slew the Dragoness, by Slew City Slew. O-Concepts Unlimited Stable and Catherine J. Smith, B-Baywood LLC. \$70,000 CONNIVER S, Laurel Park, 3/13.

and the important role they play in providing a safe and abundant food supply and protecting the environment."

Find out more about agriculture at the county level by looking at the 2007 Census of Agriculture, [www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online\\_Highlights/County\\_Profiles/Maryland/index.asp](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online_Highlights/County_Profiles/Maryland/index.asp).

Visit [www.MarylandsBest.net](http://www.MarylandsBest.net) to find locally grown products or find out more about National Ag Day at [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).

## National Steeplechase Association hires Clippinger as communications consultant

Don Clippinger, an Eclipse Award-winning writer with wide experience in the racing industry, has been hired as the National Steeplechase Association (NSA)'s communications consultant. Clippinger, who retired as editorial director of Thoroughbred Times Co. at the end of 2009, began his new duties in February.

Clippinger is also a former racing writer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and editor of *The Thoroughbred Record*. He and his wife, Audrey Korotkin, provided public relations services to the National Steeplechase Association from 1990 through 1994. In 1996, Clippinger won the Eclipse Award for magazine writing for an article in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*.

## Foal reports may be submitted online

The Maryland-bred foal report is published monthly in the *Maryland Horse* newsletter in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazine.

To add your foal of 2010 to this list, fill out the form that appears on our Web site, [www.marylandthoroughbred.com](http://www.marylandthoroughbred.com). This form may be found by clicking on "Foals" in the column that appears on the left side of the home page.

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## Upcoming Maryland Fund Stakes

### Fillies and Mares, Three-Years-Old and Up

March 13      Conniver S      \$70,000-guaranteed      7 fur.

**These 2010 LAUREL PARK STAKES include a \$20,000 purse premium for Maryland-breds:**

February 6	MARSHUA S	Fillies, Three-year-olds	\$70,000-guaranteed*	6 fur.
February 13	JOHN B. CAMPBELL H	Three-year-olds and up	\$70,000-guaranteed*	1 1/8 mi.
February 20	MARYLAND RACING MEDIA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	\$70,000-guaranteed*	1 1/8 mi.
February 27	MIRACLE WOOD S	Three-year-olds	\$70,000-guaranteed*	7 fur.
March 6	WIDE COUNTRY S	Fillies, Three-year-olds	\$70,000-guaranteed*	7 fur.
March 20	PRIVATE TERMS S	Three-year-olds	\$70,000-guaranteed*	1 mi.
March 27	HARRISON E. JOHNSON MEMORIAL S	Three-year-olds and up	\$70,000-guaranteed*	1 1/8 mi.
April 3	PRIMONETTA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	\$70,000-guaranteed*	6 fur.
April 10	DAHLIA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	\$70,000-guaranteed*	1 1/16 mi. turf

\*Purse premium included in total guaranteed purse. The stakes schedule is approved through April 10, 2010. For more information, contact the Maryland Horse Breeders Association at (410) 252-2100, fax (410) 560-0503 or visit MHBA's Web site at [www.marylandthoroughbred.com](http://www.marylandthoroughbred.com).

### MARYLAND-BREDS HAVE AN ADVANTAGE FOR PREFERENCE DATES!

Preferences are in order of dates entered or run with the oldest date having first preference. Maryland-breds having an equal date will have first preference. Horses enter for the first time with zero and are behind all those with dates.



### SPECIAL Maryland-bred Bonuses

\$5,000 to the owner of a registered Maryland-bred who wins a Maiden Special Weight race.



### Maryland Million Rewards

Premium rewards of \$2,500 are offered on Maiden Special Weight races to the winning owner of a Maryland Million nominated horse. Nominator awards will be paid to the foal and stallion nominator as well.