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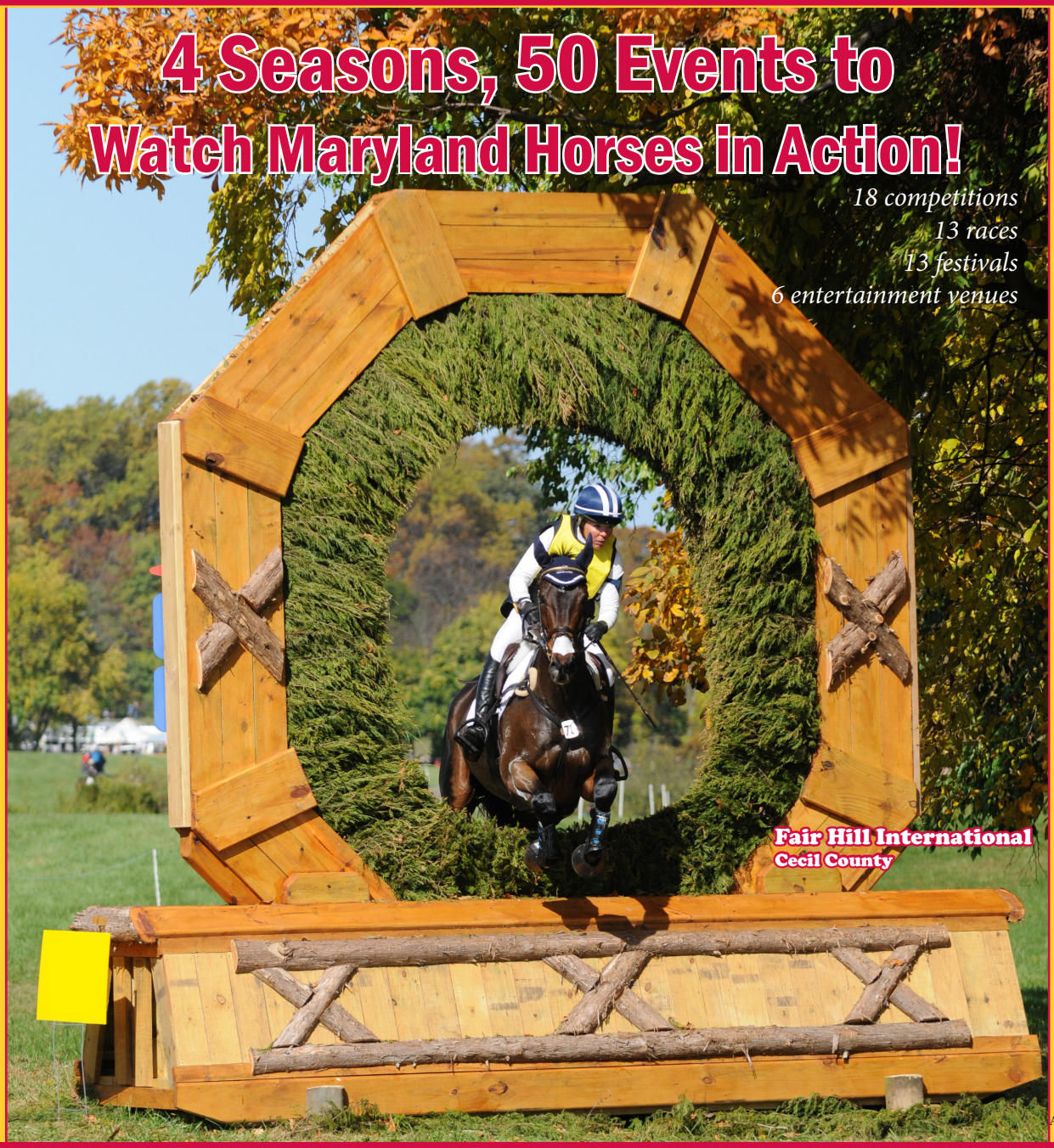

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2014 Calendar of Equine Events

Medieval Times
Anne Arundel County

The Lisbon Horse Parade
Howard County

A Sampling of Maryland's Premier 2014 Horse Events

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ALL SEASONS

- **Assateague Island—Visit Maryland's Wild Horses.** Open year round. Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin. www.asis_information@nps/gov Visitor Center 410-641-1441 (Worcester County)
- **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**, medieval jousting on horseback, open year round, Arundel Mills, Hanover (www.medievaltimes.com) 1-888-WE-JOUST (Anne Arundel County)
- **Maryland Horse Shows Association,** horse shows of all types, indoor and outdoor held statewide year round (www.mdhsa.org)

MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED RACING: For 2014 dates at Maryland Jockey Club tracks (Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park), as well as news and events, visit: www.marylandracing.com

JANUARY

- **Jan 17-19: Horse World Expo**, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium (www.horseworldexpo.com) 301-916-0852 (Baltimore County)

MARYLAND HARNESS RACING: For 2014 dates at Rosecroft Raceway in Oxon Hill, visit www.rosecroft.com and for Ocean Downs in Berlin, visit: www.oceandowns.com

MARCH

- **March 16-May 18: Maryland Point-to-Point Steeplechase Season starts** (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com)
- **March 15–Dec 7: Show Place Arena and Prince George's Equestrian Center, horse show season starts**, Upper Marlboro (www.showplacearena.com) 301-952-7900

APRIL

- **April-Oct.: Jousting Season,** ring jousting, official Maryland state sport (www.marylandjousting.com)
- **April 6: Chasin' For Children**, Pimlico Race Course, www.marylandsteeplechasing.com (Baltimore County)
- **April 12: My Lady's Manor Steeplechase**, Monkton (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com) 410-557-9570 (Harford County)
- **April 19: Grand National Point-to-Point**, Butler (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com) 410-771-1756 (Baltimore County)
- **April 12-13: Decanter Wine Festival,** Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore (www.marylandwine.com) 410-252-WINE (Baltimore City)
- **April 26: Maryland Hunt Cup,** Glyndon (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com) 443-253-5134 (Baltimore County)
- **April 26: Maryland Day,** UMD (Ag Day Avenue, equine studies, stables open house & show) College Park (www.marylandday.umd.edu) 301-405-4076 (Prince George's County)
- **April 27: Maryland Junior Hunt Cup**, Shawan Downs, www.maryland steeplechasing.com (Baltimore County)

MAY

- **May 3-4; Maryland Combined Training Association (MCTA) Horse Trials**, Shawan Downs, Cockeysville (www.mdcta.com) (Baltimore County)
- **May 3: Howard County-Iron Bridge Race Meet,** Pleasant Prospect Farm, Brookeville (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com) 410-692-6290
- **May 10: Canter for the Cure,** Pimlico Race Course (www.pimlico.com) Baltimore County
- **May 10: Pasadena Horse Appreciation Day,** Pasadena Horse and Pony Association, Gayfields Farm, Pasadena (www.pasadenahorse.org) (Anne Arundel County)
- **May 16-18: National Pike Festival & Wagon Train,** Hagerstown (www.nationalpikefestival.org) (Washington County)
- **May 16: The People's Pink Party on Black-Eyed Susan Day benefiting Susan G. Komen**, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore (www.preakness.com) 410-542-9400 (Baltimore)
- **May 17: Preakness Stakes**, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore (www.preakness.com) 410-542-9400 (Baltimore City)
- **May 18: Potomac Hunt Races,** Bittersweet Field, Poolesville (www.marylandsteeplechasing.com) 301-428-8316 (Montgomery County)
- **May 24: Fair Hill Races,** Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, Elkton (www.fairhillraces.com) (Cecil County)
- **May 31 - June 1: Maryland State Special Olympic Equestrian Games and Maryland Challenged Equestrian Trials**, Show Place Arena and Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.showplacearena.com) 301-952-7900

JUNE

- **June 14: Frontier Town opens**, runs through Labor Day, Ocean City, Wild West Theme Park & Trail Rides (www.frontiertown.com) 1-800-228-5590 (Worcester Co.)
- **Maryland Battle of the Beast** rodeo season starts, J Bar W Ranch, Johnsville (www.jbarwranch.com) (Frederick County)
- **Ocean Downs Harness Racing starts**, Berlin (www.oceandowns.com) (Worcester County)

- **June 13-15: Blue Crab Classic,** Bay Area Polocrosse Association, (www.bayareapolocrosse.org and www.sugarloafmountainpolocrosse.com)
- **June 20-22: Ride For Life** Dressage Competition, Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.pvdarideforlife.org)

JULY

- **July 12-13, 18-20: Maryland Horse Trials,** The Highlands at Loch Moy, Adamstown (www.themarylandhorsetrials.com) 301-514-0111 also Oct. 10-11 (Frederick County)
- **July 13: Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show**, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore (www.pimlico.com) (Baltimore City)
- **Ronny Maher Memorial Polo Cup**, (July date TBD) Ladew Gardens, Monkton (www.marylandpolo.com) (Harford County)

AUGUST

- **Aug. 7: Maryland Horse Forum,** Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.mda.maryland.gov/horseboard) 410-841-5798
- **Aug 22 - Sept. 1: Maryland State Fair** (11 days of horse racing, horse shows, pulling contests), Timonium (www.marylandstatefair.com) 410-252-0200 (Baltimore County)
- **Aug 23 - Oct. 19: Maryland Renaissance Festival**, The Jousters, freelance medieval style jousting, Crownsville (www.rennfest.com) (Anne Arundel County)
- **Aug. 30-31: War of 1812 Bicentennial**, Brookeville (www.townofbrookevillemd.org (Montgomery County)

SEPTEMBER

- **Green Cup Polo Tournament**, (September date TBD) Capital Polo Club, Poolesville (ww.greencuppolo.com) (Montgomery Co.)
- **Sept. 9-14: Maryland Horse and Pony Show,** Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.marylandhorseandponyshow.com)
- **Sept. 20: Days End Farm Fall Festival** Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Lisbon (www.defhr.org) (Howard County)
- **Sept. 20: Howard Community College Grand Prix**, Marama Farm, Clarksville (www.hccgrandprix.com)
- **Sept. 19-20: Bill Pickett Rodeo**, Show Place Arena and Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, (www.billpickettrodeo.com)
- **Sept. 27: Shawan Downs Legacy Chase,** Shawan Downs, Cockeysville (www.shawansdowns.org) (Baltimore County)
- **Sept. 27 - Oct. 5: Capital Challenge Horse Show**, Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.capitalchallenge.org)

Rodeo events are becoming popular in Maryland.

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OCTOBER

- **Oct. 4-5: Retired Racehorse Training Project National Makeover & Symposium,** Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore (www.retiredracehorsetraining.org)
- **Oct. 3-5: Harrison Mule Days**, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mount Airy (www.harrisonmuledays.com) 301-674-3187
- **Oct. 11: Day of the Horse,** Graham Equestrian Center, Glen Arm (www.grahameq.org)
- **Oct. 18: Maryland Million,** (www.marylandmillion.com) 410-252-2100
- **Oct. 15-19: Fair Hill International 3-Day Event,** Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, Elkton (www.fairhillinternational.com) (Cecil County)
- **Oct. 17-19: Washington International Regional Days Horse Show,** Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro (www.wihs.org)
- **Oct. 21-26: Washington International Horse Show,** Verizon Center, Washington, D.C. (horses stabled at Prince George's Equestrian Center) www.wihs.org
- **Oct. 22-26: Waredaca Classic 3-Day Event & Recognized Event**, Gaithersburg (www.waredaca.com) (Montgomery Co.)

NOVEMBER

- **Nov. 14-16: Mid-Atlantic Equitation Festival**, Show Place Arena & Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro. (www.showplacearena)
- **Nov. 16: Full Moon Farm Horse Trials & Fall Festival,** Finksburg. www.fullmoonfarm.com (Carroll County)

DECEMBER

- **Dec. 13 - Lisbon Ole Fashion Christmas Horse Parade**, Lisbon (www.lisbonhorseparade.com) 301-674-3187 (Howard County)

Rosecroft Raceway - Prince George's County
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The Black-Eyed Susan & Preakness Stakes , Baltimore

There are thousands of horse events of nearly every type run throughout the year in Maryland. For complete details and more events consult these resources: The Equiery (www.equiery.com); Mid Atlantic Thoroughbred (www.marylandthoroughbred.com); The Steeplechase Times (www.steeplechase-times.com); Horse Force Monthly (www.horseforceproductions.com); Maryland Standardbred Newsletter (www.msrfonline.com); The Maryland State & County Fair schedule (the majority have horse shows) www.maafs.com.

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