



# Show Bits

Winter 2009

## WELCOME TO THE BCHSA 2009 SEASON

In a few short weeks the BCHSA will open it's 31<sup>st</sup> show season. Never in it's history has our association faced such challenging times! The economic climate makes one wonder how a competitive sport such as ours will survive the turmoil that we have been inundated with in the news.

The Board of Directors and Show Managers have been discussing how to approach the upcoming show season, in regards to decisions of show size, entries, etc. Venues will be more than likely offering two ring shows instead of three, all divisions will be offered, and new classes such as The Maryland Saddlery Classic and the USHJA Equitation Medal will be offered at shows throughout the season. Please read all prize lists carefully when you receive them.

We have two new venues joining our schedule this season, Country Hill Farm, located east of Westminster, will be hosting our first show of the season, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mill of Bel Air will be offering a benefit show, to be held at Garrison Forest School, later in the season (August 22<sup>nd</sup>). Parts of the proceeds of this show will be donated to an equine related non-profit agency which will be announced prior to the show. We are excited to be able to offer new opportunities for our members and are looking forward to these two new shows.

As you begin to plan your personal show schedule please keep in mind a few things. We all can help our show venues in their planning if entries can be faxed early, larger barns, maybe even a phone call to alert management that you might be bringing a large group. Be aware that a show advertised to run three rings may opt to downsize if entries warrant, and that classes may be combined. Any changes will be announced through our e-mail system, a good reason for everyone to include your e-mail address on your membership form.

As always we wish all competitors a successful season, one that is gratifying and also one that is

fun. We can take the sport we love and let it be the focus of our thoughts, at least on those lovely Saturdays this spring and summer.

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## THE 2009 BCHSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2009 Membership Drive has officially started. Members and Horses/Ponies **MUST** be joined prior to competing or at the very latest the day of Competition in order for points to count. Please, do not wait until the day of the show to join? This causes a delay in point recording and reporting. It is recommended that you check your points at the end of each Competition when checking out. This will avoid errors "after the fact."

We are asking "All Members" to join Online. You can go to [www.bchsa.org](http://www.bchsa.org) and click on join. Have your PayPal Account and Credit Card information ready in advance. It is not necessary to have your Member number or Horse/Pony number available. Joining Online is much greener, faster and efficient. It allows for a more accurate transfer of information. If you have any questions or problems you can email [pointkeeper@bchsa.org](mailto:pointkeeper@bchsa.org).

We are happy to announce that Miranda Kolbe will be assisting in the Membership Recording this season.

Regards,  
Gus Hajimihalis

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## BCHSA OPEN MEETING

The first Open Meeting of the 2009 season is scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is being held at Vito's Café in Cockeysville at 7:00 pm. Vito's is located 10249 York Road, Scott Adams Shopping Center, directly across the street from Chesapeake Jaguar. All members, junior and senior are invited to attend. This is the opportunity

for members to voice concerns, and share ideas that would benefit the BCHSA. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

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## MARYLAND SADDLERY SPONSORS

### A SEASON OF CLASSICS

This year the BCHSA and Maryland Saddlery are joining forces to offer our membership a series of hunter classics. Six shows will be hosting these classics along with their regularly scheduled prize lists: St. Timothy's (April 18, 19), McDonogh (May 9), Caves (May 16), Garrison Forest ( June 27), St. John's (September 12) and the BCHSA Benefit (October 3). Each of these shows will offer a 3' Junior/Adult Amateur Classic, a 2'6" Children's/Low Adult Amateur Classic, and a 2', 2'3", 2'6", and 2'9" Pony Hunter Classic. These three classics are held separately and are completely independent of each other.

Each classic will consist of two rounds. The first round will be run along with one of the regularly scheduled rounds in a certain division (i.e. my second Low Adult round will receive a numerical score and that is my first round classic score.) Everyone who is entered in the classic will receive a first round numerical score. The top twelve scores will then be invited back for a second round, which will be held at a certain time in accordance with the prize list and show management.

Once the second round is complete, the scores from both rounds will be added together, and the individual with the highest cumulative score will be the winner. Each of these shows will have three classic winners, and each of these winners will receive a gift card from Maryland Saddlery.

In addition to offering gift certificates to the winners, points will also be earned for year-end awards through the classics. Since the classics are run in conjunction with specific BCHSA divisions, placings 1-8 will carry point values over into the riders' specific divisions (i.e. a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Junior/Adult classic will receive bonus points toward year end points total in the junior division.)

The classics' point scheme will be as follows:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> - 20 extra points | 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 extra points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 16 extra points | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 extra points  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 extra points | 7 <sup>th</sup> - 6 extra points  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> - 12 extra points | 8 <sup>th</sup> - 5 extra points  |

*(Classic con't.)*

These points will also be tallied toward a year-end award that will be given out at the BCHSA Benefit Horse Show. The individual who has accumulated the most points throughout the season in any of these three classics will be the overall winner. The cost for these classics will be \$20. Finally, hunter classics typically call for traditional hunter wear. Therefore, Maryland Saddlery will have an array of shad bellies for sale and for rent at the home store and on site at the host shows. Anyone wishing to wear a shad belly will be able to do so at a reasonable cost.

The board feels that these classics will add a new level of excitement to the 2009 show season. We hope to see many of you ringside in your shad bellies riding for the Classic Trophy!

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## USHJA AFFILIATION TO BENEFIT BCHSA MEMBERS

New for the 2009 show season- the BCHSA is now a USHJA Affiliate. The purpose of this association is "to increase USHJA's outreach in the equestrian community, by further informing and educating individuals who partake in equestrian sports at the unrecognized and local horse shows level." Aside from national recognition for the BCHSA, this affiliation will be important to our members for two different reasons.

- 1) The BCHSA will participate in the USHJA Affiliate Equitation Medal Program. In return for being an affiliate organization, USHJA will provide certain awards for a medal class of our choosing. For this first year, the board has decided to incorporate this program into the annual medal finals. The medal awards will be made even better by incorporating this program. In addition, a photo of each medal winner will be printed in the USHJA Annual Affiliates Award Yearbook.
- 2) BCHSA show venues have the option of becoming Outreach Competitions. This will allow riders to compete towards year-end state awards at multiple levels. Riders who are current

USHJA members (including outreach members) will receive points towards a high point award. One high point award will be presented for each medal to the rider who accrues the most points annually in each state. State awards will be based on the residency of the rider. The qualifying period for the high point award will be

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from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current competition year. The winners from each state will be invited to the USHJA Annual Meeting to receive their awards.

As of this moment, McDonogh is the only show venue looking into hosting these medals. It is an extra cost for the show, but hopefully will be something new and exciting for competitors. There are three medals that will be incorporated into the McDonogh prize list. (This is only the way McDonogh is offering these classes, and different shows may offer to do so in a different manner) One is the Bronze Medal (to be held at 2'), which will be offered as a separate class since BCHSA does not have a 2' medal. The other two are the Silver and Gold Medals, which will be run concurrently with the Junior and Adult Medals. The heights for these two medals are 2'6 and 3'. Even though both BCHSA medals are held at two heights, the points will be separated out into Silver and Gold medal results. All an individual must do to be eligible for either of these awards programs is to become a full member or an outreach member of the USHJA; Outreach membership is \$15.00. You can sign up either online, before the show, or at the show on a hard copy in the show office. If someone is already a USEF/USHJA member, then he or she is eligible for everything.

For further information on either of these programs, please go to [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).

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### FRANK MADDEN CLINIC

Garrison Forest School will offer a clinic with Frank Madden the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Sections of over fences will be offered from 2' to 3'6". Each session will run for two hours.

Frank Madden stands out as one of the most successful and dedicated trainers of young and developing show jumping talent in the United States. Throughout his career, he has trained several of the most promising junior equitation and amateur jumper riders...riders who have the potential to represent the United States at the highest level of international competition.

Frank and several of Beacon Hill's top riders were featured in the 2005 television series, "Horse Power: Road to the Maclay". Animal Planet filmed

as Beacon Hill's Brianne Goutal made history as the first junior rider to win all the 2005 major equitation finals.

Out of his Hunter's Moon Farm based in Long Island, New York, Frank's riders continue to win the prestigious "Style of Riding" awards at such shows as the Washington International Horse Show and The Devon Horse Show, as well as winning top honors in all of this country's major finals, year after year.

For more information call Cindy Bacon, (410) 559-3450. Registration forms can be found on the BCHSA website.

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### 2009 SHOW SCHEDULE

|                                |           |                        |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
|                                | April     |                        |
| Saturday/Sunday April 4 & 5    |           | Country Hill           |
| Saturday, April 11             |           | McDonogh School        |
| Saturday/Sunday April 18 & 19  |           | St. Timothy's          |
|                                | May       |                        |
| Saturday, May 2                |           | St. James              |
| Saturday, May 9                |           | McDonogh School        |
| Saturday, May 16               |           | Caves Farm             |
|                                | June      |                        |
| Saturday, June 13              |           | McDonogh School        |
| Saturday, June 27              |           | Garrison Forest        |
|                                | July      |                        |
| Saturday, July 11              |           | McDonogh School        |
| Saturday, July 18              |           | Hunting Ground         |
|                                | August    |                        |
| Saturday, August 1             |           | Elkridge Harford       |
| Saturday/Sunday August 15 & 16 |           | Goucher College        |
| Saturday, August 22            |           | The Mill Benefit @ GFS |
|                                | September |                        |
| Saturday, September 12         |           | St. John's @ GFS       |
|                                | October   |                        |
| Saturday, October 3            |           | BCHSA Benefit-TBA      |
| Saturday, October 10           |           | Medal Finals TBA       |

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