

# MHC UPDATE

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## Bob Shirley

### 2009 Maryland Horseman of the Year

On September 19, 2009, Bob Shirley will be recognized by the Maryland Horse Council as the 2008 Maryland Horseman of the Year for his outstanding career in the Maryland horse industry. Shirley has been involved in many aspects of the horse and agriculture industries including farming, announcing at fairs and shows, educating the state's youth, breeding Clydesdales and foxhunting.



#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- over 25 years working at the University of Maryland Cooperative Extensions office, where he took charge of organizing the state's 4-H programs
- 63 years with the Maryland State Fair, both paid and volunteer jobs
- over 40 years of volunteering for the Carroll County 4-H club as a horse judging instructor
- combined his vocation and avocation with volunteer work, including helping to found the Carroll County 4-H Therapeutic Riding program
- B.S. from Cornell University in Animal Husbandry
- M.S. from the University of Maryland in Agriculture Education



See the February 2010 Equiery for a full profile on Bob Shirley. If you have memories of Bob Shirley that you would like to share, please contact *The Equiery* at 800-244-9580x17 or [editor@equiery.com](mailto:editor@equiery.com). Come to the 2009 MHC BBQ at Loch Moy Farm to meet Bob Shirley! See BBQ ad in this issue!

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