



# MHC UPDATE

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## Trails & Greenways Committee

Committee members have been busy trying to fight Sunday Hunting, HB 679, which as of press time had passed second reading in the House, and the House is expected to pass it (although as of press time they were mired in budget and slots issues, so it was unclear if they would have time to return to other bills before the deadline). The modified version of the bill will allow for hunting on Sundays on private property in most parts of the state except for the central counties. Anne Bennoff, Jacquie Cowan and Barbara Thelen helped coordinate the voice for the trail riders.

Members in the Montgomery County area are concerned about a 68 acre site owned by MNCP&PC, which falls within Goshen Hunt's territory and is part of the Patuxent watershed. A private, non-profit sports club, Damascus Sports Association, has received permission from park and planning to build a sports complex with 7 baseball diamonds, a lacrosse field and a football field (what, no soccer?). Landowner Jeannie Owen, whose property adjoins the site, seeks advice from others who have had to tackle this kind of issue. 301-253-4304 or

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On the eastern Shore, Barbara Thelan reports: There is some discussion from the DNR that the Idlewyld Wildlife Management Area near Federalsburg may be closing its gates to horses. This is still in the talking stage and it is my understanding from the lady that brought it to my attention, that they'd rather work with the equestrian community. At issue here is horses that stray off the trails and trample the seeded areas. There are also some issues with horses forging new trails. Management is concerned that this is leading to destruction of the wildlife habitat that this area is primarily focused on.

## Racing Industry

The MHC Executive Committee took the following position: We acknowledge the economic impact and census studies that indicate that the racing industry accounts for half the Maryland horse industry; we believe that purses competitive with surrounding states are crucial to maintaining a strong racing industry in Maryland, that the racing segment of the horse industry is vital to Maryland's vast equine industry, and that a strong and economically sound horse industry is a crucial component of agriculture in the State. We support efforts to increase the purses that would redevelop Maryland's race tracks, including the concept of legalizing slot machines at horse race tracks in the State.

## Federal Level

The White House's proposed budget and tax package would include several items beneficial to the horse industry. Currently, rather than depreciating, small businesses expense up to \$25,000 in property placed into service in that year; the president's proposal would increase this to \$75,000. From the AHC Tax Bulletin.

Also in the AHC News: On Dec 2, 2002, USDA established significant fines for late cancellation of quarantine reservations. A focus group is working on establishing a national alphanumeric equine ID system.

In '02, the American Trails Society got thru the Senate their proposal for a 6,000 mile, coast-to-coast trail which would be part of the National Trails System Act and called the National Discovery Trail. The bill did not get out of the House, but ATS plans to reintroduce the legislation this year.

## QUARTERLY MEETING RESCHEDULED!

Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Show Place Arena

Prince George's Equestrian Center  
Open to All Members of the Equestrian  
Community  
Featured Topic:  
2003 Maryland Legislative Session

## MHC Board of Directors Association, Representative

Carroll Co. Equestrian Council, Carolyn Garber  
Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horses, Jacquelyn Cowan  
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Assn., Sharon Roberts  
Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., Kathleen Schwartz  
Elkridge Harford Hunt, Jay Young  
Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc., Debbie Rollins Frank  
Fair Hill International, Lou Morris  
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Howard County Iron Bridge Hounds, Pamela Bussard  
Humane Society of Carroll Co., Nicky Ratliff  
League of Maryland Horsemen, Carmen Day  
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