



## *Trainer Candidate*

### **HUGH I. MCMAHON**

Hugh McMahon, a native of Doncaster, England, is a former jockey-turned-trainer who has been a force in the Mid-Atlantic region, particularly in the claiming ranks, which he said gives him an important perspective.

McMahon, who lives in Crownsville, is stabled at Laurel Park and has smaller string at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. He began as an assistant to Scott Lake when then trainer had a large operation with multiple bases in the region.

McMahon won more than 100 races in three consecutive years—2012 to 2014—and is approaching 1,000 victories for his career. He has won training titles at Laurel, the Maryland State Fair at Timonium, and Colonial Downs in Virginia, and his starters have earned more than \$23 million.

McMahon, first elected to the MTHA Board of Directors in 2017, said developments earlier this year regarding federal indictments of prominent horsemen and others have driven home the point that racing must make integrity the priority.

“In light of the exposure of Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis, what’s really important is the word integrity,” McMahon said. “We need to be more vigilant in the pursuit of that integrity, level the playing field, and let real horsemanship prevail.”

McMahon acknowledged the negative public perception that can result from such high-profile cases and the need for heightened awareness of the importance of integrity by industry participants.

“It’s consistent with a whole lot of things,” he said. “It communicates something significant to the non-discerning public eye. I’m in this primarily for the horse, the horsemen, and those who own the horses to keep it legitimate and above-board.”