



Trainer Candidate

JOHN J. ROBB

John Jerry Robb has been an owner, trainer and breeder since 1975, and two years ago built a breeding farm, No Guts No Glory Farm, as part of his commitment to the Maryland breeding and racing industry. He currently has 20 horses in training at Laurel Park and 20 at the farm.

Robb has won more than 2,000 races, including about 140 stakes. His horses have earned almost \$38 million.

Robb's history of working on behalf of horsemen goes back to the late 1970s, when he served on the Maryland Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Board of Directors. He later was involved in the co-founding of the MTHA and was a member of its Board of Directors for about two decades.

"To this day, when the phone rings with calls from people dealing with a problem, they still come to me for assistance," Robb said.

Robb has served on various horsemen's committees over the years and has had success in negotiating with track management and racing secretaries. In the late 1980s, he implemented the first condition book index that the country had ever seen.

Robb said it's important for the MTHA Board of Directors to have monthly meetings and encourage horsemen to attend. He said he wants to be on the board "to represent horsemen and Maryland, not the Maryland Jockey Club and out-of-town people."

"After the COVID-19 shutdown, we were open for live racing two days a week and canceled all stakes," he said. "On Preakness weekend in October, they had \$3 million to give to out-of-towners. That's counterproductive. I'd like to see more money stay in Maryland for our owners and breeders so they can improve their stock."

Robb noted the increase in regulations in Maryland over the last year and a half and indicated they are having an impact on horsemen and those who pay the bills. He said he would like to find a way to attract new owners to Thoroughbred racing in the state rather than chase them away. "If people agree with my thoughts, they should vote for new directors," Robb said. "I'm just one person. We need to start fresh with new ideas."