

## **ROEDOWN RACES HARBINGER OF SPRING**

(DAVIDSONVILLE, Maryland) -- The Marlborough Hunt Races at Roedown celebrates its 36th anniversary on April 11, 2010. The rolling meadows of the historic Davidsonville farm provide a stunning backdrop for thoroughbred steeplechase racing.

Another draw for the more 5,000 supporters is the annual tailgate competition, sponsored by The Capital. Hundreds of partygoers return each year with even more imaginative settings to stake a claim for prizes in five separate categories.

"The festivities truly herald the start of spring in Maryland," said Nancy Carter, co-chair of the event. "And the regulars flock to the hilltop come rain or shine. Nothing appears to dampen the competitiveness of the tailgate contest and the now traditional hat competition."

The 2010 race meeting is dedicated to Mr. Hal C.B. Clagett and Jeanne Begg Clagett, the owners of Roedown Farm. Mr. Clagett, one of the original founders of the races, died on February 1, aged 93. His wife passed away in November 2007. She was 94. "This remarkable couple, through their generosity and support, helped nurture and sustain what has become one of the most significant sporting and social events in Maryland, said Christy Clagett, Mr. Clagett's niece, and co-chair of the executive race committee.

Sponsors and supporters include: Annapolis Volvo, Atlantic Tractor, Bob Hall LLC/Budweiser Select, Comfort Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Bowie, Prince George's Equestrian Center, The Capital newspaper, Dr. and Mrs. Leo A. Courtney and Family, Heide Cory Ruegg and Ted Ruegg, Hal and Wendy Denton, , Maryland Life Magazine, NACON Consulting, S I 2 Services, ThyssenKrupp Elevator, What's Up?Media, 1430 WNAV, WRNR FM, Zacharys Jewelers, Woodford Reserve (official bourbon of the Kentucky Derby), Pennfield, Dover Saddlery and Ecogold.

Event details: Sunday, April 11, at Roedown Farm, 3856 Wayson Rd, Davidsonville, MD. Gates open at 10 am, first race 12 noon.

Tickets available online at [www.marlboroughhuntraces.com](http://www.marlboroughhuntraces.com)

\* Pre-paid Reserved Premium Hilltop or Rail Parking \$80-\$350

\*General Admission (also available at the gate) \$20 per car and \$5 per person - under 6 free

### **CALENDAR EDITORS**

Sunday, April 11, 2010 Marlborough Hunt Races at Roedown Farm, 3856 Wayson Rd, Davidsonville, MD. Gates open 10 am. First race 12 noon. Admission and parking may be ordered online at: [www.marlboroughhuntraces.com](http://www.marlboroughhuntraces.com) General Admission \$5, General Parking \$20 also available at the gate. Information: 410-798-5040 or [roedownhuntraces@gmail.com](mailto:roedownhuntraces@gmail.com)

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