



## Fair Hill Foundation – Who We Are

Convinced of Fair Hill’s value on the world stage, a group of visionary leaders formed the Fair Hill Foundation, a 501©3 non-profit, in 2016 to bring the 6,000-acre foxhunting and steeplechasing paradise created by William du Pont, Jr. in 1925 into international prominence.

Today, under the leadership of President Charles C. Fenwick, Jr., five-time Maryland Hunt Cup and 1980 Aintree Grand National winner on Maryland-bred Ben Nevis II, the Foundation is charged with raising funds for capital improvements and, if necessary, operations for the Mars Maryland 5 Star presented by Brown Advisory, one of only two international 5 Star events in the U.S. and seven worldwide, the Fair Hill Races, and possibly other events.

Through the work of the Foundation, Fair Hill now boasts equestrian assets not found elsewhere – a 1-mile irrigated turf course for flat and steeplechase racing, the most innovative Thoroughbred training center in the Mid-Atlantic with a state-of-the-art equine sports medicine and therapy center, regulation arenas for show jumping and dressage, an Ian Stark-designed 5 Star cross country course, and 6,000 acres of scenic public riding trails and fields.

Current board members include distinguished leaders from the steeplechase, eventing, and turf racing world.



*Aintree Grand National champions foxhunting together with Tidworth Hounds in the UK are Charlie Fenwick (left) President of the Fair Hill Foundation, Marcus Armytage (center), and A.P. McCoy (right). Fenwick won the English Grand National in 1980 on Ben Nevis, Armytage steered Lois Duffey’s Mr. Frisk to victory in 1990, and McCoy took the title in 2010 aboard Don’t Push It.*

### **Mission**

To advocate for and provide appropriate resources toward specific projects that advance local, regional, national, and international equestrian competition at the State of Maryland’s Natural Resources Management Area.

### **Vision**

To make the Fair Hill Equine Event Zone a world class steeplechase racing, three-day eventing, show jumping, turf racing, and training venue.

## **Collaborating Partners**

### **Mars Maryland 5 Star presented by Brown Advisory**

Marking a new chapter in Maryland’s storied equestrian tradition, the Mars Maryland 5 Star presented by Brown Advisory features four days of competition in dressage, cross country and stadium jumping each October.

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Produced by the Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland, the Mars Maryland 5 Star presented by Brown Advisory is managed by the Fair Hill Operating Committee. Michael Hankin serves as Chair and Jeffrey Newman serves as CEO, with representation from the Maryland Stadium Authority, the Department of Natural Resources, the Fair Hill Foundation, among others.

### **Fair Hill International**

Under the leadership of President Trish Gilbert, Fair Hill International has provided opportunities for riders of all levels to train and test their mounts through schoolings, clinics, starter trials, and nationally recognized horse trials since 1989.

### **Fair Hill Races**

Founded by William du Pont, Jr. in 1934, the historic Fair Hill Races offer flat and steeplechase races on the turf track as well as timber racing. Suspended since 2019 due to construction, the Races will return over an all-new turf course that has been realigned to feature a sophisticated irrigation and guard rail system, as well as banked, wider turns to ensure the highest safety standards for the horses.



*This all-star gathering of retired American, English and Irish jockeys following an exhibition turf race at Fair Hill on October 29, 1988 featured four winning jockeys and two winning owners of England's famed Grand National. In the back row (left to right), they are Lois Duffey whose Mr. Frisk won in 1990, an unknown gentleman behind her, Jeanne Begg, a second unknown participant, Clay Brittle, Marty Sanger, Tommy Carberry, who won the Grand National in 1975 aboard L'Escargot, Babs Cox, John Francome, Jill Fanning, Betty Moran owner of Papillon, Grand National winner in 2000, Doug Small, and Irv Naylor.*

*In the front row (left to right) are Graham Thorner who won the Grand National in 1972 on Well to Do, Bob Davies, who rode Lucius for the win in 1978, Joe Aitcheson, Leo O'Brien, Bernie Houghton, John Cushman, "Mouse" Morris, and Tommy Stack, who won in 1977 aboard Red Rum. There was no pari-mutuel betting on the race.*

### **Board of Directors**

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