



# Equine Research News

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## REMEMBERING MR. PHIPPS

### *A Champion of the Horse*

When Ogden Mills (Dinny) Phipps was feted in 1990 as guest of honor at the Thoroughbred Club of America's Annual Testimonial Dinner, the scroll presented him declared that he "always has approached his involvement in the sport and industry of Thoroughbred racing as one requiring commitment to improvement and protection of its finest elements. He has answered when the call for action was sounded."



That commitment already had carried him through three decades of following his family's racing and leadership traditions, and the next quarter-century saw his role on the Turf not only continue, but grow. Indeed, in recent decades, that call for action often would be made by Mr. Phipps himself.

Central among his various leadership roles was chairmanship of The Jockey Club (1983-2015). In our specific world of research, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has benefited from his guidance and personal generosity. Mr. Phipps was instrumental in the merger of The Jockey Club's research foundation with the original Grayson Foundation in 1989. That merger combined the strengths of the two organizations — Grayson's experience with the research community and The Jockey Club research organization's greater financial standing.

In our personal experience, Mr. Phipps as a board member was unwavering in support of Grayson chairmen John Hettinger and Dell Hancock, and recent years have seen the Foundation able to provide more than \$1 million annually for veterinary research projects. The impetus from Mr. Phipps, and other board members, springs from a deep respect for the horse, that noble partner in the ambitions and joys of sportsmen and sportswomen

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who breed and own them. In an interview Mr. Phipps once was discussing his grandmother, Wheatley Stable founder Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps, and he harked back to her attitude: "It goes back to her loving her horses." Mr. Phipps' father had understood that and passed along similar dedication through his own example.



he was serious about quality and efficiency.

Mr. Phipps was always respectful of the expert researchers and veterinarians on our Research Advisory Committee, but he was not wont to rubber stamp all its recommendations. He had questions at the ready when the board met to consider the recommended projects, indicating that even in this specialized area of involvement

Great individuals often are remembered with the observation, "We don't have people like that anymore." Mr. Phipps is one who will always justify the response, "Well, we *never* had *many* like that."

---Edward L. Bowen  
President  
Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

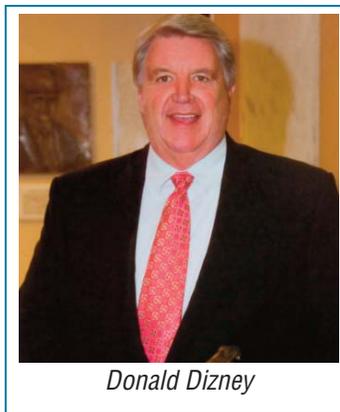
## DOUBLE DIAMOND FARM, GLEN HILL FARM AND PAYTON TRAINING CENTER JOIN THE OCALA INITIATIVE

Double Diamond Farm has donated a total of \$20,000 and Glen Hill Farm and Payton Training Center have each committed \$10,000 to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Ocala Initiative. The growing list of supporters also includes Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (FTBOA), and Ocala Stud.

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation is working with organizations in the equine community in Ocala and throughout Florida to raise \$100,000 and will then solicit matching funds from individuals. The funds will be earmarked to support equine research at the University of Florida.

"We are thrilled with the commitments of Double Diamond, Payton Training Center, and Glen Hill Farm," said Garrett Gleeson, director of development and major gifts at Grayson. "As we move toward closing out the organizational side of the Ocala Initiative, we're excited to have such an impressive roster of partner organizations supporting equine research. The initiative is designed to give those in the equine business the opportunity to give back to the horses that give so much."

Past Grayson-funded research developed vaccines for equine influenza and viral arteritis, defined Colitis X, and developed the field of bio-mechanics in horses, among other significant accomplishments. Current priorities include studies of laminitis, foal pneumonia, and exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhaging, as well as the full range of health and soundness issues that can affect horses.



Donald Dizney

Additional information about supporting the Ocala Initiative can be obtained by contacting Garrett Gleeson at [ggleeson@jockeyclub.com](mailto:ggleeson@jockeyclub.com) or (212) 521-5310.

# 2016 Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration



**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**BRYANT PARK GRILL**

New York City

7pm to 10 pm

Honoring Longtime  
Thoroughbred Owner  
Stuart Subotnick

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## SPORTSMAN EARLE MACK DONATES \$100,000 IN MEMORY OF OGDEN MILLS PHIPPS

Thoroughbred owner/breeder Earle Mack (*right*) has donated \$100,000 to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation in honor of his boyhood friend, Ogden Mills “Dinny” Phipps.



Phipps, 75, who died on April 6, 2016, was remembered by Mack as “the pinnacle of leadership, who fought every step as an advocate for the health of the horse and integrity of racing.”

Mack described his pledge as a “leadership gift that I hope will move others to step up and follow” with donations of their own. “There are so many great charities that support racing,” said Mack, “but Grayson is what Dinny wanted to support.”

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation’s role is identifying and funding the best scientific research to promote and protect the health and soundness of horses. Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has provided \$23.3 million since 1983 to fund 335 veterinary research projects at 42 universities.

Since 2012, Mack has been a member of The Jockey Club, of which Phipps was chairman from 1983 until he stepped down in 2015. Mack also has been a member of the New York Racing Association board of directors since 1990 and was chairman of the New York State Racing Commission from 1983 to 1989.

Donations in Mr. Phipps’ name can be made online with a credit card or PayPal account on the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation website by [clicking here](#).

They can also be mailed to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation at 40 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022 or 821 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

## The Friend You Can’t Do Without

“When I think about all that horses have done for me, it seems natural to help give back to them through my support of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation.

This organization has great past performances in identifying and funding research projects designed by experts to help keep horses sound and healthy and to treat them when they do have problems.

I encourage anyone who cares about horses to contribute to Grayson.  
It’s the friend we can’t do without.”

---Mike Smith,  
Hall of Fame Jockey



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## EQUINE INJURY DATABASE: FATAL INJURIES DECLINE BY 14%

An analysis of data from the Equine Injury Database, comparing 2015 statistics with figures from 2014, has shown a 14 percent decrease in the frequency of fatal injury, it was announced recently by The Jockey Club.

Across all surfaces, ages, and distances, the fatality rate dropped from 1.89 per 1,000 starts in 2014 to 1.62 per 1,000 starts in 2015. The overall fatality rate of 1.62 per 1,000 starts is the lowest since the Equine Injury Database started publishing annual statistics in 2009.

Dr. Tim Parkin, a veterinarian and epidemiologist from the University of Glasgow, who serves as a consultant on the Equine Injury Database, once again performed the analysis.

"We've seen a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and that is certainly very encouraging," Parkin said. "We will continue to examine data and look for trends, but the wide-ranging safety initiatives embraced by tracks, horsemen, and regulators in recent years have very likely played a role in the reduction of injuries and fatalities."

The fatality rates associated with each racing surface were as follows:

- On turf surfaces, there were 1.22 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2015, compared to 1.75 in 2014
- On dirt surfaces, there were 1.78 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2015, compared to 2.02 in 2014
- On synthetic surfaces, there were 1.18 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2015, compared to 1.20 in 2014

Fatality rates based on distance and age is also available.

An analysis of 2015 race distance statistics shows that shorter races (less than 6 furlongs) were again associated with higher injury rates versus middle distance races (6 to 8 furlongs) and long races (more than 8 furlongs). This has been consistent each year over the seven-year span.

Two-year-olds continued the trend of having the

lowest rate of catastrophic injuries while 3-year-olds had a lower rate of catastrophic injuries than horses 4 years old and older.

The statistics are based on injuries that resulted in fatalities within 72 hours from the date of the race. Summary statistics are subject to change due to a number of considerations, including reporting timeliness.

A graph depicting all updated statistical data pertaining to surface, distance, and age is available by [clicking here](#).

"This database was created with the goal of improving safety and preventing injuries, and we are now doing that thanks to the participation and cooperation of so many racetracks," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club.



"We applaud all tracks that have contributed data to this project, and we are especially grateful to those who have chosen to make their statistics publicly available on the EID website."

A list of racetracks participating in the Equine Injury Database and detailed statistics from those tracks that voluntarily publish their results can be found by [clicking here](#). Throughout the course of 2016, racetracks accounting for 96% of flat racing days are expected to contribute data to the EID.

The Equine Injury Database, conceived at the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's first Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, was launched by The Jockey Club in July 2008 and seeks to identify the frequencies, types, and outcomes of racing injuries using a standardized format that generates valid statistics, identifies markers for horses at increased risk of injury, and serves as a data source for research directed at improving safety and preventing injuries.

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