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## **Chris McCarron to be Special Guest at West Virginia Breeders' Classics Breakfast**

**Charles Town, WV (September 7, 2012)** – Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron will be the special guest at this year's West Virginia Breeders' Classics Breakfast of Champions, scheduled for the morning of Saturday, October 20. McCarron joins a list of special guests of the West Virginia Breeders' Classics that includes fellow Hall of Famer Carl Nafzger and last year's guest, King Leatherbury, who rates third on the list of all-time winningest trainers with more than 6,300 victories as previous invitees.

"I'm very excited to have received an invitation from Carol (Holden) and Sam (Huff) to attend this great event," said McCarron. "Despite the fact I rode at Charles Town only one evening in the mid-seventies, I have fond memories of Charles Town. I won the Mountaineer Handicap for King Leatherbury on a horse named Go Go Roger, which King claimed from Dickie Dutrow. I know this will be a fun event for me and I'm very excited to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances."

During his illustrious career that included 7,141 victories in the saddle, McCarron piloted 6 Triple Crown winners, including Alysheba in 1987 and Go For Gin in 1994, and 9 Breeders' Cup races, with 5 of those wins coming in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Since retiring in June 2002, McCarron has opened the North American Riding Academy in Lexington, Kentucky - the first professional jockey school in the United States.

"I consider it an honor that Chris McCarron is going to be our special guest for the Breakfast of Champions," said WVBC President Carol Holden. His support of the racing industry thru the Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund and development of the North American Racing Academy are just two of Chris's many contributions to the world of racing."

Sports Emmy and Eclipse Award winning sports personality Chris Lincoln will serve as one of the hosts for the breakfast that is also expected to include members of the Redskins Alumni Association, including Breeders' Classics CEO Sam Huff.

Tickets for the Breakfast of Champions can be purchased by contacting the West Virginia Breeders' Classics office at (304) 725-0709.

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