



Snowden Carter

Maryland Horse
1973 – 1974 AHP President

A lifelong horseman, Wilton Snowden (Nick) Carter rode and participated in local horse shows in his youth, owned race horses since the early 1950s; and was an enthusiastic participant in the Howard County Hunt Club, continued to ride for pleasure until well into his 70s.

Snowden acquired the nickname Nick after the fictional character Nick Carter when he went to work for the *Baltimore Sun* in 1944 as a police reporter and was twice arrested in the line of duty while “getting the story.”

In 1946, he switched to covering racing. He won the Thoroughbred Racing Association’s award (forerunner of the Eclipse award) for best newspaper story on racing in 1956.

Snowden became editor of *The Maryland Horse* magazine in 1961 and general manager of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association in 1962, where he helped launch the Maryland Fund.

After he retired, he wrote the Maryland breeding column for the *Daily Racing Form* for more than 10 years. Snowden died on February 3, 2005. His daughter, Lucy Acton, editor of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, continues her father’s legacy and involvement in AHP.

“While I look back on my years as a writer and horse magazine editor, I can still feel the thrill of the game.”