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## **Turf Valley Wins Big in Howard Magazine's "Best of Howard County" Annual Issue**

*The Resort and Conference Center wins two  
"Best of" Categories and two Honorable Mentions*

*Ellicott City, MD (December 10, 2014)* – Turf Valley was voted Best Special Event Venue and Best Golf Course by the readers of Howard Magazine in the December 2014 "Best of Howard County" issue. In addition to the two best of placings, Turf Valley received honorable mention for Best Annual Festival/Event for The Preakness® Celebration Hot Air Balloon Festival at Turf Valley, and Best Day Spa for The Spa at Turf Valley.

Turf Valley has been hosting weddings for over 35 years and is one of the premier wedding venues in the state of Maryland. There are four ballrooms with a seating capacity for 50 to 650 guests. Turf Valley has an on-site restaurant, Alexandra's American Fusion, which is well equipped to handle rehearsal dinners of all sizes, and Fairway Lounge the perfect spot for before and after ceremony get together. The many beautiful scenic views, the new outdoor wedding garden space, which is Turf Valley's new outdoor space, and the fountain are major attractions to wedding couples. According to Director of Marketing, Regina Ford "The minute you see a bride outside with the swans, you know it's Turf Valley."

Turf Valley has 36 holes of championship golf with two driving ranges, a real green short game practice facility, and four putting greens. "We're a very large property and there are very few 36-hole courses in the state, and with all the other facilities, it's just immense here," says Nick Spinnato, the Director of Golf at Turf Valley.

The Preakness® Celebration Hot Air Balloon Festival at Turf Valley is one of the centerpieces of Preakness® Week. The festival is in its eighth year at Turf Valley and is fun for the whole family. The festival features over 25 hot air balloons, balloon rides, tethered rides, kids games and rides, and food and craft vendors. Admission is free and there is off-site parking at the fairgrounds. "When people see balloons take off, they can't help but smile and be happy" says Regina Ford.

The Spa at Turf Valley is a luxurious day spa with monthly specials which highlight their many massage therapies, facials, and body treatments. The spa has many popular overnight packages available, with “Girlfriends Getaway” being one of the most popular. “Everyone needs to take some time to pamper themselves and our Spa is the perfect place to do it,” says Denise Neubauer, the Director of the Spa. “Our services and packages are developed with our clients in mind.”

### **About Turf Valley**

Located in the Baltimore/Washington Corridor, Turf Valley features 40,000 square feet of event space, Wi-Fi High Speed Internet in guest rooms, meeting rooms and public areas, Spa and 36 holes of Championship Golf.

### **Howard Magazine**

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