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The "Raise You LLCs" Foal Crop of 2018

Country Life's "Live Streaming FOAL-CAM"
Allows Partners and the Public to be in the Foaling Stalls with us!

Country Life's emphasis on Breeding Partnerships is the wave of the future. For our Raise You LLCs, we anticipate delivering Maryland-Bred foals this spring by such fashionable sires as Into Mischief, Honor Code, Declaration of War, Carpe Diem, Liam's Map, Will Take Charge, etc. A majority of the mares are bred back to Country Life's young sires Mosler (by War Front) and Divining Rod (by Tapit), making their Maryland-Sired foals eligible for a 50% Maryland-Bred Breeders Award.

We began our Raise You Program two years ago. Our first four Raise You-produced foals were born in 2016, then sold at public auction as weanlings. They'll race as 2-Year-Olds in 2018, to earn Breeder Awards for LLC partners: juveniles by Malibu Moon, Uncle Mo, Into Mischief, and Orb.

In the "Old Days," one breeder owned 10 mares. Nowadays, 10 breeders own one mare. It's an international shift. In *The Thoroughbred Daily News* this week, English breeder Peter Stanley said: "The cost of (production) is really too big for a potential return unless it's a frightfully smart mare—which most people can't afford. I think that's why we've so few smaller breeders in this country."

Broodmare expenses shared by 10 partners is our model. Events at Country Life, such as our Raise You Partner Dinner in Preakness week, such as our "readings on the porch" of turf-writer Joe Palmer's columns the week of the Maryland Million, such as our popular Autumn Day in the Country at Merryland, increase partner engagement in this industry.

A fascinating way for Partners, as well as the public, to participate is through our innovative streaming video of mares delivering their foals. Simply go to www.countrylifefarm.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on Foal-Cam, and a *Ustream* live-video brings you right into the nine foaling stalls at Country Life. Step inside the barns with us. It's where the journey begins.

Divining Rod's First Mares Checked "In Foal"

Maybe the best first-book of mares ever for a Mid-Atlantic Freshman Sire? (*Northern Dancer stood in Canada his first four years at stud, before relocating to Maryland; other Windfields stallions El Gran Senor and The Minstrel may have had better first-books.)

The first few mares bred to Divining Rod have been checked IN FOAL, and include Gainesway mares Steel Cut (multiple stakes winning earner of over \$479,528) and Dixie Dancer (half to 2009 Champion 2 yo filly She Be Wild), Bill Bayne's \$257,614 stakes winner Blisstikus and Ken Lowe's mare Reappearance (dam of Child's Play, entered in the G3 Bourbonette Oaks at Turfway on 3/17).

Other excellent mares in his first book include: Our Fantene, dam of Gr. 3 winner Javerre \$490,081; Formalities Aside, dam of SW & \$556,593-earner Awesome Flower; SW & \$381,650-earner Sticky; and more of the finest mares in the Mid-Atlantic. Preakness-Placed Divining Rod stands for \$5,000 LFSN.



Steel Cut's 14-day pregnancy to Divining Rod.

Freedom Child's Limited View MD-Bred Champion 2-year-old Filly



Freedom Child's daughter Limited View was voted Champion 2-year-old Maryland Bred filly at this year's inaugural Renaissance Awards held at the Sagamore Pendry Hotel in Baltimore on Feb. 12th.

From the first crop of Malibu Moon's G2 stakes winning son Freedom Child, Limited View was bred by Barbara Smith before being purchased by John Salzman, Jr. at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling sale in 2016. Trained by Salzman, and racing for a partnership of the trainer, Fred Wasserloos and George Greenwalt, the filly has been quite a challenge for her conditioner. She has always shown

talent in her works, but she is easily rattled and can be unpredictable. She broke her maiden impressively in her first start at Laurel in June of last year and was sent to Saratoga to try graded stakes company, but the big crowds rattled her and she did not run to her ability. She then came home to Laurel and went on to win an allowance, the MD Million Lassie and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes to close out her juvenile campaign with 4 wins from 6 starts and earnings of \$177,096.

Limited View's dam, the Not for Love mare Loves to Glance, was originally purchased by Country Life Farm in 2014 to breed to Freedom Child. Sold to Barbara Smith at the Fasig—Tipton December Mixed Sale later that year, Barbara foaled the future MD-bred Champion at her Dragon's Lair Farm in Lothian, MD. The mare was sold again in January of 2017 in foal to Super Ninety Nine and her new owner has sent her back to Country Life to be bred to Freedom Child in 2018.



Freedom Child

The Ultimate Teaser: Frijoles

We're often asked by non-horse people what a Teaser is. Our answer? One of the most invaluable horses on the farm! A teaser is a male horse, sometimes a gelding but most often a stallion or ridgling, who has enough interest in mares to sniff, lick and nicker to them in order to get them to show interest, or "heat". When a mare comes into estrus she will allow a stallion to nuzzle her and will often break down and urinate when he's near her. Teasers literally take a beating, as they can get kicked and bit by mares that change their mind at the last minute, especially when they are mounted for the first time. It's the teaser's job to mount the mare, without breeding her, to make sure she'll stand quietly for the stallion she'll be bred to.

With two farms full of mares waiting to get bred this season, having a teaser stallion is essential, and they have to be tractable and smart. Frijoles, a Standardbred stallion who came to Country Life about 15 years ago, is a masterful teaser who loves his job and is a joy to work with. He calls to the mares and inevitably a few will come running over to the fence to greet him. He knows when mares are ready, and he tells us when they are not—even if a vet thinks they should be. When teasing a mare that he thinks isn't ready he'll stop and look at his handler, stallion manager Jerry Zavala, and that is the signal to stop and try again tomorrow. He's almost never wrong, and we've learned to rely on him and his "horse sense" daily!

Frijoles, a 20-something Standardbred, is the ultimate teaser at Country Life.



Maryland-Breds of February 2018



Liaison—Hidden Fever colt; 2/1. Owned by Tom & Mary Lou Teal.



Fed Biz—Stormin Wendy filly; 2/1. Owned by Tom & Mary Lou Teal.



Mosler—Sagamoon filly; 2/2. Owned by Country Life Farm & Sagamoon LLC.



Mosler—Smash Review colt; 2/4. Owned by Country Life Farm.



Mosler—Gansett colt; 2/6. Owned by Country Life Farm & Paul Berube.



Mosler—All For Fashion colt; 2/9. Owned by Country Life Farm.



Into Mischief—Tasha's Moon filly; 2/12. Owned by Candyland Farm.



Oriente—Whisperjet colt; 2/16. Owned by Jim Bryant & Linda Davis.



Gio Ponti—Hoping for Sun filly; 2/17. Owned by Walt Vieser.



Oxbow—Busted Again colt; 2/20. Owned by John Stuart



Mosler—Will Do filly; 2/20. Owned by Country Life Farm & Will Do LLC.



Bullsbay—Alytania colt; 2/21. Owned by Bo & Stella Smith.

Maryland-Breds of February 2018



Mosler—Hot Fun filly; 2/26. Owned by Gary & Randy Ridgely.



Summer Front—Spring Dance colt; 2/26. Owned by Dave Baxter.



Flatter—Yippee colt; 2/28. Owned by Charles Parker.



Follow all the action LIVE on our “Foal Cam” - click for link

Foal count as of press time: **19 colts**—**15 fillies**

Maryland Chrome

California Chrome captured the hearts of racing fans all over the world, and the arrival of his first foals this year has been a much anticipated event for his followers (known as “Chromies”). Country Life was lucky enough to have a mare in foal to him here for long-time clients Bo and Stella Smith. Our Fantene, dam of graded stakes winner Javerre, was due on January 18th. When word got out that we had one of the first mares bred to Chrome here to foal, the legions of fans flocked to our Facebook page and tuned in to our foaling webcam every night for news of a birth.

Although the first foal for the 2-time Champion was born in Kentucky on January 20th, Our Fantene delivered her handsome colt at Country Life on January 24th at 10:46 pm, to the delight of over 60 people watching our foaling webcam. A handsome bay with a big white star and some white on all four feet, he got plenty of “chrome” from his Daddy. He’s already a ham for the camera and happy to show off for visitors, so he’ll be a natural favorite when he gets to the races!



Proud owners Bo & Stella Smith pose with Our Fantene and her California Chrome colt at 2 days old.