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Racing Stable Rising Star: Bella Aurora

One year ago, Country Life went to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in Timonium with the goal of re-vamping our racing stable. With the news that Virginia's Colonial Downs was going to reopen this year, we aimed high and purchased a VA-bred yearling filly by Carpe Diem for \$87,000. Out of the Street Cry mare Street Interest, the filly looked the part. Now named Bella Aurora, she was 3rd on debut and broke her maiden in her second start, a Laurel MSW, on August 16th.

With the VA-bred/VA-sired Jamestown Stakes in her sights on September 7th at Colonial Downs, the plans we laid out this time last year are coming to fruition!

Jim McCue photos



Yearling Sales Season

Speaking of Yearling Sales, it's that time of year again. The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale is coming up on Sept. 30 - Oct. 1st and there will be 22 first-crop Mosler yearlings in the sale. We're hearing great things about these big, powerful youngsters who look like their sire. Country Life just finished offering shares in a MD-bred Mosler yearling colt purchased at the July Sale for \$45,000. Named Mosler Safe, he's at Merryland where he will begin the breaking and training process next week. We're looking forward to his future with our partners: Ted McClain (KY), William Bacon, Jr. (MD), Law Legacy Stables (NJ), Elizabeth Guthrie (MD), Kathleen Schlehr (MD), Joseph Rockstroh (MD), Jim Gribbins (IN) and Robert Goldman (FL).

And we're gearing up to shop at the upcoming Timonium yearling sale, so if you're interested in getting in the racing game with Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred farm give us a call or send an e-mail to:
info@countrylifefarm.com

Still Giving Breeders the Moon and Stars

At age 22, Malibu Moon is still going strong. The perennial Top-20 sire routinely breeds 100+ mares every year. At the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Yearling Sale in Saratoga earlier this month, a Malibu Moon filly topped the sale with a \$775,000 bid from OXO Equine's Larry Best. Then on August 24th he got his 16th Grade 1 winner when Come Dancing won the \$500,000 G1 Ballerina Stakes at the Spa. What a wonderful sire he's been!



Come Dancing at Saratoga a week after her G1 win in the Ballerina. Ellen Pons photo

More Super Winners

Super Ninety Nine proudly holds the title of being the sire of the ONLY undefeated 2-year-olds at Laurel Park among those with at least 2 races. Both Gifted Heart and Tommy Shelby are 2-for-2 in their careers so far. Super Ninety Nine sired an exacta at Laurel on August 17th when Tommy Shelby (bred by CLF and Moon Map Broodmare LLC) scored his second victory and Forfiftyfiverocket (also bred by a CLF breeding partnership with the Fleet and Fancy LLC) was 2nd. Other winners this month for Super Ninety Nine include Liquid Hero (bred by CLF), who broke his maiden at Penn National; Wildcattin', who got a second win at Laurel; Better Yet, who scored her 2nd lifetime victory at Presque Isle Downs; Homeofthe Lombardi, who won for the 3rd time at Colonial Downs; and Baravelli, who broke his maiden at Timonium on 8/31.



Summer Camp Fun



Merryland Farm hosted kids from the Bel Air Emmanuel Church Reading Camp in August. Some of the kids had never seen a horse up close before, and they relished the chance to pet and feed the horses. The campers got a tour of the farm, visited up close with the mares and foals and watched the training horses being ridden before finishing their day with snacks in the shade of the trees on the lawn.



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