



Country Life Press February 2020 Newsletter

From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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**5-Share Breeding Partnership:
BASEDONATRUESTORY**
\$3,200 per share; In Foal to DIALED IN



Stepping off the van at Country Life Farm on Feb. 12, the beautiful 6-year-old mare BASEDONATRUESTORY caught everyone's eye. We had just purchased her the day before for a bargain \$16,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale.

The young daughter of Broken Vow is stunning. She is balanced and athletic and carries herself gracefully.

She is in foal to DIALED IN, who stands for \$25,000 at Darby Dan Farm in Lexington. Out of the stakes winning Cure the Blues mare Queen's Triomphe,

she's a half-sister to Grade-3-placed Peace (by Violence) and \$220,000-earner Lunar Rover (by Malibu Moon).

BASEDONATRUESTORY sold for \$135,000 last year in foal to Into Mischief. This yearling colt will go through the sales ring this fall. Broken Vow is becoming a wonderful broodmare sire, with 2020 Freshman sire RUNHAPPY also out of a Broken Vow mare.

BASEDONATRUESTORY is due to foal in early April at Country Life. DIALED IN is the sire of Grade-2 winners GUNNEVERA (3rd in last year's Dubai World Cup) and MS LOCUST POINT.

DIALED IN is by the A. P. Indy stallion Mineshaft, who stands for \$40,000.

We are offering 4 of 5 shares in BASEDONATRUESTORY at \$3,200 each (click [here](#) for more info on this offering).

Our broodmare partnerships are generating Breeder Bonuses as their recent foals reach the races. The future for Maryland-Breds looks bright with the plans for improvements to Laurel and Pimlico.

Hop in the breeding game with Country Life, Maryland's oldest Thoroughbred farm.

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Racing Partnership: DIXIE DIVINE
10 Shares at \$3,600 Each

We are also offering shares in our newest Racing Partnership---featuring a yearling filly by Divining Rod named DIXIE DIVINE. The correct young lady is out of the Union Rags mare DIXIE DANCER, a \$460,000-half-sister to Eclipse Champion She Be Wild.

DIXIE DIVINE has the balance and scope we like to see in a young horse.

She's the first foal born for her sire and dam, and she was the best individual by her sire at the Keeneland January sale. Purchased for \$36,000, we are offering 9 of 10 shares at \$3,600 each, with monthly expenses estimated to be around \$200/month for this first year until she goes into training.

With the racing scene in Maryland about to be in the National spotlight due to the proposed legislation to renovate both Laurel and Pimlico into modern, state-of-the-art facilities, there has never been a better time to get in the game.

Give us a call or an email to reserve a share, and click [here](#) for more information on this offering.



EXCITING TIMES AT THE TRACK
Country Life's Strong Racing Stable of 2020



Our racing partnerships have been keeping partners happy lately. Our most recent winner was Virginia Beach (pictured), a 3-year-old Virginia-bred Twirling Candy filly we purchased at last year's OBS June 2-year-olds-in-Training Sale for \$20,000.

She was broken and trained at Merryland before going to trainer Mike Trombetta last fall. Making her first start on January 31st, she ran a very professional race in a Maiden Special Weight at Laurel to win by a 1/2-length under Victor Carrasco.

We've also had a couple of good 2nd place finishes in Allowance company in the past few weeks. Let's Play Nine, who was 2-for-2 going into a Laurel Allowance on February 1st, came within a half-length of being undefeated, finishing 2nd. A week later, Combat Queen just missed her second victory in three starts when she had to go around a wall of horses; she finished a head behind the winner.

More exciting times are ahead, starting with Bella Aurora in Saturday's \$100,000 Wide Country Stakes. The 3-year-old Virginia-bred filly by Carpe Diem is looking for her second straight stakes win after capturing the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes last time out.

Also this weekend, Savedbythebelle looks to break her maiden at Laurel on Sunday after a closing 3rd last time out.

We're having fun at the races, and are looking forward to a big year for Country Life racing partnerships in 2020.

Country Life's trainer Michael Trombetta

Named Maryland's Trainer of the Year for 2019

Congratulations to our trainer, Michael Trombetta, for being voted Maryland's Leading Trainer for 2019 at the annual Renaissance Awards on Tuesday, Feb 11th. Based at Laurel and Fair Hill, Mike had his best year yet in 2019 with 62 wins in Maryland and 40 more at other tracks across the U.S. and Canada. Among his many stakes winners last year was Wet Your Whistle (winner of the G1 Highlander Stakes at Woodbine), Win Win Win (ran in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness) and our own Bella Aurora, who won the Gin Talking Stakes at Laurel to close out the year.

Mike has been training for us for 15 years and always does right by the horse. He has an excellent staff and is deserving of the award. We're hoping to continue the success with him this year.

Stallion Show a Success

On Saturday, January 25, we hosted more than 70 people for our annual Stallion Show at Country Life Farm.

Our State Senator J.B. Jennings was our guest speaker. He updated the crowd on the exciting possibilities for legislation this session involving big plans for Pimlico and Laurel.

The Country Life Breeding Shed opens this week. We are looking forward to another successful breeding season with Maryland's top young stallions: DIVINING ROD (by Tapit); MOSLER (by War Front); SUPER NINETY NINE (by Pulpit); and FRIESAN FIRE (by A. P. Indy).



CLF-Sired Winners

Recent winners by Country Life stallions include:

SUPER NINETY NINE

Little Miss Raelyn, 1/31 ALW @ Laurel
Rio Abajo, 2/7 CLM @ Penn
Better Yet, 2/8 CLM @ Tampa

FRIESAN FIRE

On Fire, 1/22 CLM @ Mahoning
Raging Blaze, 1/30 MCL @ Laurel
Love on Fire, 2/1 STR @ Parx



CIGAR'S FOALING BARN 30th-Anniversary Renovations

Thirty years ago, a big bay colt was born in the 2-stall foaling barn at Country Life Farm.

He bucked and played in the fields alongside his dam, the Seattle Slew mare Solar Slew. Little did we know that this colt would one day make history and forever keep us wondering if the next foal born would be as good.

That foal was Cigar, who became an icon when he won 16 straight races including 10 Grade-1 stakes races. The "Incomparable, invincible, unbeatable" Cigar was one of the best racehorses of the 20th Century. His earnings of \$9,999,815 stands as the most money ever earned by a Maryland-Bred, and still ranks in the Top Five of All Time nationally.

A plaque on the foaling barn wall commemorates his birth on April 18, 1990. In honor of his 30th anniversary, we've renovated our foaling stalls with state-of-the-art poured rubber flooring and padded walls by Equi-Turf.

The new stalls are incredible, with cushioned floors and walls and a seamless Polyurea-sprayed topcoat that is easily disinfected and will keep bacteria and other harmful germs from infecting newborn foals.

The stalls smell fresh and clean all the time, with no residual odors like you'd have with a dirt or stonedust floor. We're excited to provide these new improvements for foaling. Between our Equi-Turf stalls, our excellent staff and our live foaling webcam, Country Life Farm is unmatched in the Mid-Atlantic for foaling services.

Click on the Cigar Plaque for a slideshow of the renovations, which were

completed at the end of January. For more information on our services, give us a call at 410-879-1952 or e-mail christy@countrylifefarm.com



It's Foaling Season again! Click the button at right to go to our YouTube foaling channel with videos of the births and the broadcast of the live webcams each evening.

Foaling Channel w/ Birth Videos

January Foal Gallery



Laura's Moon filly by Mosler, foaled 1/11; owned by CLF & Mike Stone



Final Humor colt by Divining Rod, foaled 1/17; owned by Country Life Farm



Will Do filly by Friesan Fire, foaled 1/19; owned by Bell Gable Stable



Grecian Maiden filly by Divining Rod, foaled 1/22; owned by CLF/Grecian Maiden II LLC



Scarfire colt by Mosler, foaled 1/24; owned by Bo & Stella Smith



Helen Louise colt by Freedom Child, foaled 1/28; owned by Ken Lowe

In Remembrance:

Elaine Schmidt, aka "BirdsOhio"

5/25/55 - 1/21/20

About 7 years ago, when we first started broadcasting our foaling stalls online, we developed a following with people who watched live webcasts featuring animals on the internet. One of those people was Elaine Schmidt from Cincinnati, Ohio. A bird lover who was a moderator on one of the Bald Eagle webcam sites, she discovered our channel and fell in love with the mares and foals.

A former night-shift worker, she was awake most nights anyway and started watching the cameras all night, with 8 mares on screen every night. She would ask a lot of questions about the mares and quickly learned the nuances of the foaling mares. She became the moderator of our site (her chat name was "Birds Ohio") and she

alerted us many times to mares that were foaling, either while the nightwatch was busy in another barn or while we were already delivering a foal in another stall.

In the summer of 2018 she fulfilled a "bucket list" wish and visited Country Life and Merryland with her husband Tim. Getting to see the layout of the farms and interacting with the mares and foals she had watched for hours on the computer was a highlight of her life, she told us. She passed away after a long battle with respiratory issues on January 21st and will be sorely missed by everyone that came to know her online, and especially by her Country Life family. Fly high, Birds!



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