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Country Life Press

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Newsletter

From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

Established 1933



Our COVID-19 World

The Coronavirus pandemic is on the news everyday and affects everyone's lives, but life on a farm requires 24-hour staffing and a healthy workforce to take care of the horses. For that reason, Country Life and Merryland Farms took a proactive approach more than a week ago to close our farms to visitors and owners.

For a farm that has always had an open door policy, the decision wasn't an easy one. We know our partners and owners would love nothing more during this "social distancing" era than to get some fresh air and see their horses. In order to help with your cabin fever, we've stepped up our social media presence even more and are posting more pictures, videos and live broadcasts from the farm.

If you're not on Facebook, subscribe to our YouTube channels - both the main farm page ([CountryLifeFarm1933](#)) and our foaling channel ([CountryLifeFoalingCameras](#)) to get notifications when we're live and to see the videos once they are posted.

We hope everyone stays safe during this unprecedented time and if we all follow the protocols for keeping a safe distance and washing hands we'll get through this sooner rather than later.

In the Winner's Circle



Country Life Partnership runners continue to excite, as we had 2 more winners recently. 3-year-old filly **SAVEDBYTHEBELLE** (pictured at left) scored her first victory at Laurel on February 16th with Tyler Conner aboard for trainer Mike Trombetta. The daughter of G1-winner Belle Gallantey and KY Derby winner Super Saver relishes a route of ground like her mother did, so the longer the better for her.

We also had a repeat winner with **Let's Play Nine**, by Super Ninety Nine. The Trombetta-trainee won for the 3rd time in 4 starts on March 13th, displaying grit to hold off the late charge of two rivals in a MD-bred Allowance at Laurel under Trevor McCarthy.

Another notable winner last month was connected to **Divining Rod**. His full sister **Jehozacat** added graded-stakes blacktype to the family pedigree in February when she earned her second straight stakes win in the G3 **Lambholm South Endeavor Stakes** at Tampa Bay Downs. The 5-year-old grey mare is trained at Fair Hill by Arnaud Delacour for Roy & Gretchen Jackson - the same connections who bred, owned and raced **Divining Rod**.

**From Racing to Eventing:
Friesing Waters**



Country Life has always been a proponent of retiring our racehorses before they become sour or injured, so when Friesing Waters had some breathing issues that made it apparent she wouldn't be able to run well anymore we decided to retire her.

On the board 4 times in 15 starts with one win, she hadn't done enough on the track to warrant joining our broodmare band. Merryland manager Kim Crowell put the word out that this athletic Friesian Fire filly would make a good eventing/cross country project for someone. Amy Moreshead, an event rider from Florida, heard about her through a mutual friend and contacted Kim to

learn more. She was game to try the filly and picked up Friesing Waters in December.

Just 3 short months later we received these pictures from Amy. Friesing Waters has taken to her new calling like a pro, going through water on the cross country course, jumping banks and loving life! Thoroughbreds are such incredible athletes and they love having a job. We're so happy to see Friesing Waters, a homebred who was born and raised at Country Life, broken at Merryland and raced under the CLF silks, excel in her new career. Go baby go!

CLF-Sired Winners

SUPER NINETY NINE

Shark City, 2/15 MCL @ Penn
Nine Martinis, 3/1 SOC @ LRL
Little Miss Raelyn, 3/7 ALW @ LRL
Let's Play Nine, 3/13 ALW @ LRL

FRIESAN FIRE

Hell of AFire, 2/23 SOC @ LRL
Lucky Ember, 2/23 MCL @ LRL
Bucks County, 2/14 MCL @ CT
DC Fireman, 2/16 SOC @ LRL
CV's Campfire, 3/6 MSW @ CT
Cowboy MZ, 3/3 CLM @ Parx
Annika Gold, 3/7 CLM @ LRL
Whiskey and You, 3/8 ALW @ LRL



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

Or click on our main YouTube channel at right for other farm videos to brighten your day!

**Foaling
Channel w/
Birth Videos**

**Country Life's
YouTube
Channel**

February Foal Gallery



Ben's Girl colt by Bandbox, foaled 2/6; owned by Carl & Angela Lanier



Rock Sapphire colt by Mosler, foaled 2/6; owned by CLF & Rock Sapphire LLC



Sagamoon colt by Mosler, foaled 2/7; owned by CLF & Sagamoon LLC



Spin the Bottle filly by Malibu Moon, foaled 2/8; owned by Candyland Farm



Contradance colt by Hoppertunity,
foaled 2/9; owned by Nick & Delora
Beaver's Bell Gable Stable

E Dubai's Humor filly by Jump Start,
foaled 2/14; owned by Randy &
Gary Ridgely



Imagistic filly by Divining Rod,
foaled 2/14; owned by CLF &
Imagistic II LLC

Indian Beauty filly by Irish War Cry,
foaled 2/14; owned by Bryan
Minnich



Fleet and Fancy filly by Divining
Rod, foaled 2/16; owned by CLF &
Fleet and Fancy LLC

Music Town colt by Friesan Fire,
foaled 2/23; owned by Susan Wantz



Easy Mover filly by Divining Rod,
foaled 2/29; owned by Country Life
Farm



Discreet Star colt by Friesan Fire,
foaled 2/29; owned by Charles
Parker

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