

Country Life Press

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Newsletter



From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm



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Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Old Sale Monday and Tuesday

Racing is back in the Mid-Atlantic. We anticipate adding one or two 2-Year-Olds to our racing stable at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds-in-Training Sale on June 29-30. The under-tack breeze shows took place from Wednesday, June 24, through Friday, June 26, with the two-day sale beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. A number of partners have contacted us with interest in this popular auction.

Lots of quality throughout the catalog, including a number of nice Maryland-breds. Last year, we bought Maryland-bred Combat Queen at this sale for \$20,000. She broke her maiden in her second start at 2, finished 2nd three times in her 4 starts, pushing her career earnings over \$53,000. As a handsome daughter of leading broodmare sire Congrats (by A.P. Indy), she has residual value, as well.

Contact us today if you'd like to be in on the next Country Life racing partnership!

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Combat Queen breaking her maiden at 2 in December



Jim McCue photo

Maiden Win for Lucky Ninety Nine



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Our patient partners in our racing partnership "Double Ninety Nine LLC" were rewarded this month when Lucky Ninety Nine broke her maiden in Country Life's first race back since racing resumed at Laurel.

The Super Ninety Nine filly, returning from a year-long layoff, scored impressively by 3 lengths at Laurel on June 13. Jockey Trevor McCarthy rode her beautifully, settling behind the leaders and asking her for run at the top of the stretch, where she shot through an opening and pulled away easily. Our gratitude to everyone involved in getting this filly back to the races, including Brenda Godfrey who had her for a month to leg up on her Aquatred machine, our staff at Merryland where she rehabbed and started back in training earlier this year, and our trainer Mike Trombetta and his team.

Country Life Sired Winners

Racing has returned to the Mid-Atlantic, and runners by Country Life stallions Friesan Fire and Super Ninety Nine are back in the winner's circle. Friesan Fire is the #1 General Sire in Maryland with progeny earnings over \$500,000 so far this year. Recent winners include:

FRIESAN FIRE

Rivers of Lite - 5/22 @ Churchill Downs, MDN
Zeke the Streak - 6/9 @ Thistledown, CLM
Annika Gold - 6/12 @ Laurel, SOC
Fiya - 6/26 @ Laurel, WMC

SUPER NINETY NINE

Pataz - 6/12 @ Laurel, WCL
Lucky Ninety Nine - 6/13 @ Laurel, MCL

Jim McCue photos:



May Foal Gallery

(click on pictures for links to Ellen's photo gallery)



Watrugonnadorosie colt by Army Mule, foaled 5/1; owned by CLF & Watrugonnadorosie LLC

Keep Right colt by Mosler, foaled 5/2; owned by CLF & Keep Right LLC



Rue de Rivoli filly by Mosler, foaled 5/6; owned by CLF & Rue de Rivoli LLC

Placentia colt by Mosler, foaled 5/15; owned by CLF & Placentia LLC



Lady Krista filly by Mosler, foaled 5/18; owned by Mrs. Glennie Martin

Two Stars colt by Divining Rod, foaled 5/22; owned by CLF & Mrs. Glennie Martin

It's Foaling Season! Click the orange button at right to go to our YouTube foaling channel with videos of the births.

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

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Birth Videos

Country Life's
YouTube
Channel

Farm Visitation Policy

COVID-19 recovery plans are in place around the country. Please adhere to the following rules when planning a visit to our farms:

- **Visiting hours will be Mondays - Saturdays from Noon-3pm only and an appointment MUST be made ahead of time by calling the office (410-879-1952) or on Saturdays call General Manager Christy Holden's cell (410-808-1325)**
- **A sign-in sheet will be located at both farms, and ALL visitors must sign-in upon arrival. At Merryland Farm the clipboard will be at the main house on the patio under the awning. At Country Life the clipboard will be outside of the office.**
- **All visitors MUST wear face masks and practice social distancing from our staff, maintaining a 6 foot spacing from people and horses.**
- **Please do not go in the offices or barns at either farm. If your horse(s) are in the barn one of our staff will bring them outside for you to see.**

If you can't make the trip out but still want to know what's going on you can go to our YouTube and Facebook pages for videos and photos of farm life. Ellen Pons' dramatic footage of foals being born at Country Life, of stallions at work, and of the many young horses-in-training at Merryland put you virtually on these beautiful farms on spring days (and nights in the foaling barn).

Like us on Facebook and 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.

Here are links to some playlists you might enjoy:

[Around the Farm](#)

[Yearlings](#)

We hope everyone stays safe during this unprecedented time. If we all follow the protocols for keeping a safe distance, wearing masks, and washing hands, we'll weather this viral storm.



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