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MARYLAND'S LEADING SIRE

Friesan Fire hit another important milestone in July, for the 3rd year in a row his progeny earnings went over the \$1-million mark mid-way through the year! Maryland's leading General Sire is currently ranked #15 on the 3rd Crop Sire List for North America. The son of A.P. Indy continues to sire winners from Saratoga to Del Mar. Breezing in Saratoga recently is his 2-year-old Redhairdon'tcare, bred by Country Life Farm and Glennie Martin. The \$230,000 Ocala juvenile is trained by Marylander Tony Dutrow, who expects her to debut at Belmont Park in a few weeks. Stay tuned for more Friesan Fire updates.



SUPER YEARLINGS TO WATCH FOR!



Yearling sales season is heating up, and the first crop of super fast Super Ninety Nines are entered up and down the East Coast. His first yearling offered at public auction brought \$50,000 at Fasig-Tipton's July sale.

The sales company's head scout Dennis Lynch visited Country Life and Merryland recently to inspect yearlings and foals and was very impressed with



Charles Parker's Maryland-Bred Super Ninety Nine yearling filly at Fasig-Tipton July sale brought \$50,000., even though she was shown in a bandage (after scraping her ankle at sales grounds).

the Super Ninety Nine offspring. Dennis commented that Super Ninety Nine "throws that great hip and has nice, correct babies." He went on to say that Country Life could have a really special horse in Super Ninety Nine.

The impressive G2 Southwest Stakes winner, who was very fast on the track, is passing that athletic, quick look on to his foals while adding some leg and scope through his broodmare sire, Unbridled's Song. Look for several very nice individuals at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in October.

RACING PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Fair Hill was the place to be in July, where several partnership runners are stabled in trainer Mike Trombetta's barn. Our first "Carry Back" racing partnership filly Into Bluegrass, who broke her maiden in June in her debut, ran a strong third even though throwing a shoe in her second race, an allowance at Delaware on July 20. Multiple stakes-placed Flash McCaul prepared for his autumn campaign with a nice breeze on the turf, opening up that option for him. Our new "Elkridge Club" racing-to-broodmare purchase, the \$43,000 July Fasig-Tipton Horse-of-Racing Age filly Rock Sapphire, arrived in Mike's barn mid-July, preparing for an August 12 Maiden Special Weight at Delaware Park.

Meanwhile at Laurel, "Carry Back" partnership filly Friesing Waters (a Maryland-bred Friesan Fire filly bred by Country Life Farm and the Atlantic Tide LLC) is training forwardly for her racing debut later this summer. Two other "Carry Back" juvenile fillies bought out of the Fasig sale at Timonium in May — Monte Crista (a Maryland-bred by Cape Blanco out of Aruban Sandwich) and Street Appeal (a Kentucky-bred by Street Sense out of Quest for Success) are continuing their racing preparation lessons at Merryland for farm trainer Jackie Savoye.



Rock Sapphire will make her first start for our new Elkridge Club partners in August.



Stakes-placed Flash McCaul is thriving at Fair Hill and looks to return to the races on August 12 at Delaware Park.



Into Bluegrass has a win and a 3rd in two starts for her Carry Back racing partnership.



Friesing Waters is galloping out of the gate at Laurel and should be making her debut this fall.



Monte Crista's 1/2-brother Just Howard edges out Country Life-bred Bonus Points in \$75,000 Caveat Stakes at Laurel July 15.

Laurie Asseo photo

Monte Crista (blaze) gallops with Street Appeal, after Merryland farm trainer Jackie Savoye approves of their gate work.



RAISING NICE FOALS!

For this month's Country Life Press newsletter, we highlight some of the beautiful Maryland-Bred foals produced in our "Raise You" broodmare partnerships. For starters, here are several entered in the Keeneland November mixed sale. All foals are bred in the name of their respective LLC's, thereby entitling our partners to share in the lucrative Maryland Breeders awards when these horses return to race in Maryland.

From left to right:

Colt by Kitten's Joy—Imagistic, by Deputy Minister; Colt by Twirling Candy—European Union, by Successful Appeal; Filly by Verrazano—Cavan Thunder, by Jump Start; Filly by Take Charge Indy—Kanani, by E Dubai; Filly by Tapizar out of Simmadownnow, by Candy Ride.



MALIBU MOON'S LATEST GR. 1 WINNER

Elite sire Malibu Moon began his stallion career here in Maryland in a partnership for Spendthrift and Country Life Farms. Now the sire of more than 100 stakes winners, Malibu Moon had a big July after his Ransom the Moon won the Grade 1, \$300,000 Bing Crosby at Del Mar, and Donegal Moon placing in the Grade 3, \$100,000 Monmouth Cup.

Malibu Moon ranks among the top Broodmare Sires as well: Girvin (out of Catch the Moon) won the Grade 1, \$1,000,000 Haskell Invitational; and six-time Grade 1 winner Stellar Wind (out of Evening Star) took the Grade 1, \$300,000 Clement L. Hirsch for the second year in a row. Malibu Moon is also the broodmare sire of the Fasig-Tipton July Yearling Sale topper, a \$1,000,000 filly out of his stakes-winning daughter Hung the Moon.

Ransom the Moon takes the Grade 1 Bing Crosby at Del Mar; favored Drefong unseated jockey Mike Smith.



Benoit Photo

MR. V (1999-2017)



The last horse bred by Sagamore Farm's Alfred Vanderbilt, Mr. V was purchased by Country Life as a yearling, and named in honor of his famous Maryland breeder. By Distinctive Pro out of the Cormorant mare Hey Up There, the equine Mr. V. raced 24 times for a Country Life Partnership from 2002-to-2005 before partner Lucy Howard bought and retired him to be a fox-hunter/show horse. He won 5 races, all in allowance company, and earned \$178,232 during his time on the race track.

Several other members of his family have also found happy homes with Lucy and Country Life. Full brother Mr. Vanderbilt, 1/2-brother Beck's Bad Boy, and nephew General Lee are enjoying second careers in the show ring and hunt fields for Lucy. Mr. V's half-sister Sagamoon (dam of General Lee) is in the Country Life broodmare band, in foal to Mosler. Other relatives include 1/2-sister Mrs. Vanderbilt, dam of Grade 2 Delaware Oaks winner Dancing Afleet, as well as \$464,000-earner Tujoes.

Pictured with his devoted rider Sara Katz, Mr. V was a Blue Ribbon winner and a great babysitter out in the hunt fields!

The entire Country Life family thanks Lucy for her love of all horses. Lucy is a role-model for the Thoroughbred aftercare movement.



TALKIN' TURKEY

We enjoy showing visitors around the farms. Recently a horse-racing enthusiast from Turkey was in the U.S. and asked for a tour of Country Life. Recep Yetis and his wife Aysegul brought their young daughter and son, along with friend/translator Zehra out to visit on a beautiful day in July.

Recep was very familiar with U.S. stallion bloodlines, and recognized Friesan Fire's broodmare sire Dehere because he stood in Turkey for 4 years until his death in 2010. Several notable U.S. stallions have been sold to Turkey in recent years, including Paddy O'Prado and Corinthian last month, to bolster the breeding program. Recep hopes to buy a farm in the near future and breed his own thoroughbreds—we wish him luck!

