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COUNTRY LIFE SIRES ARE TOPS AT FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC YEARLING SALE

This year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale featured many fine yearlings by Country Life sires, including the first crop by Super Ninety Nine—one of the fastest sons of Pulpit (sire of Tapit) to go to stud, and a brilliant racehorse who won the Gr. 2 Southwest Stakes by more than 11 lengths.

Super Ninety Nine's highest priced yearling was a Maryland-Bred filly out of stakes-producer Teruko (owned and bred by Bayne and Christina Welker), purchased for \$47,000. The second highest priced was a Country Life Breeding partnership homebred colt out of the stakes-producing Sky Classic mare As Long As Ittakes, who sold for \$45,000 (congratulations to our partners Larry Davis, Al Fritz and Greg Shelton). Both yearlings, as well as two other Super Ninety Nines, were bought by sharp pinhooker Dean Purdom of Ocala, Florida. Notable pinhooker Barry Eisaman picked out a couple "super Super Ninety Nine" prospects as well, bidding \$40,000 and \$25,000 for two fillies, while local trainer Michael Pino paid \$35,000 for a colt. All were Maryland breds, and Super Ninety Nine's yearling sale average was \$24,000—six times his stud fee! Watch for these athletic, fast-looking youngsters to be back in Maryland at the May 2-year-olds in Training Sale next year!



Colt by Super Ninety Nine out of As Long As Ittakes who sold for \$45,000.

Another sales highlight was Friesan Fire's colt out of Lotosblume, who brought the highest price of any Mid-Atlantic-sired yearling at \$70,000. Zayat Stables made the final bid for the chestnut colt, who is the first foal for the mare and hails from the family of Gr. 2-winner and sire Unbridled Energy and Gr. 3-winner Midnight Cry.

MARYLAND MILLION WEEKEND!

The weekend of October 21st and 22nd is approaching fast—Saturday is Jim McKay Maryland Million Day and Sunday is our annual Autumn Day in the Country party at Merryland. Country Life Farm will be represented by multiple stakes-placed partnership runner Flash McCaul in the Maryland Million Classic, and our leading sires Friesan Fire (#1 Maryland General Sire as of Oct. 16th) and Freedom Child (#1 Maryland Freshman Sire) will each be represented by five runners on the card. Freedom Child has 3 colts entered in the Nursery and 2 fillies (including likely favorite Limited View) in the Lassie.

On Sunday at Merryland we'll be hosting our annual Autumn Day in the Country open house. It's a day for partners and clients to enjoy spending time on the farm, relaxing trackside watching the young horses gallop, and seeing partnership mares and weanlings. We'll have soup and sandwiches, great conversation and the forecast says the weather will be beautiful!

RSVP to Sallyellen@countrylifefarm.com or call the farm office at 410-879-1952 to let us know if you'll be there!



Join us Sunday the 22nd from 11-2 at Merryland!



Click above for Maryland Million Day entries

ELKRIDGE "ENCORE"



Street Sense—La La's Cookin filly

Country Life diversified our "products for partnerships" at the October Midlantic Yearling Sale in Timonium: The Pinhook Plan. We teamed up with renowned bloodstock agent Mark Reid, of Walnut Green Bloodstock, to purchase yearling fillies to resell as 2-year-olds. The Plan: To break the yearlings under tack with our licensed farm trainer Jackie Savoye at our Merryland Farm racetrack, then send the yearlings to Kip Elser's Kirkwood Training Stable in Aiken, South Carolina, to prepare them for the May 2018 Fasig-Tipton 2-Year-Old sale right after the Preakness Stakes.

The two fillies are: 1) a \$70,000 Street Sense filly out the Harlan's Holiday mare La La's Cookin. A rule to live by in the horse business is: "Never follow an empty wagon." That means, always buy horses who come from good families, because some fruit might fall off a wagon-full of pedigree. La La's Cookin comes from an overflowing wagon. Her sister Unlimited Pleasure produced the Street Sense filly Unlimited Budget, who won the Gr. 2 Fair Grounds Oaks, and was 3rd in the Gr. 1 Kentucky Oaks en route to earnings of \$758,837. La La's Cookin and Unlimited Pleasure are half-sisters to Gr. 1 Super Derby winner Outofthebox. La La's Cookin has a Malibu Moon weanling of 2017, and she is in foal to popular young Claiborne stallion Runhappy. And 2) a \$35,000 Maclean's Music filly out of Gr. 3-placed Party Girl. Maclean's Music, sire of 2017 Preakness winner Cloud Computing, has seen his stud fee raised from \$8,500 to \$25,000 after his 2017 successes. Both fillies are under tack at Merryland, and will be shown to guests and partners at our annual Autumn Day in the Country on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 11 am - to - 2 pm.

Our partners in the both "pinhook" fillies are: Country Life Farm, MD (10%); Bob and Faith Hahn, NJ (10%); Bob Kern, DE (10%); James Jones, NC (10%); Pat and Randy Doerter, TN (10%); Laura Goodman, CO (10%); Evan Molyneaux, WY (10%); Tim and Carrie Burr, MA (10%); Dave Johnson, TX (10%). Dave Cottle, MD (10%) is in the Maclean's Music filly; Dr. Allen Garst, MD (10%) is in the Street Sense filly.



Maclean's Music—Party Girl filly

SARATOGA SPECIALS

Making Maryland-Breds: The importance of having a commercial broodmare band compels Country Life to shop for mares at every auction. We drove to Saratoga Springs for last Monday's 90-mare catalogue at Fasig-Tipton's New York mixed sale. While weanlings in the New York-bred program were in great demand, the market for mares was soft. So we reached in to buy three young mares, in foal to high-priced Kentucky stallions, to be bred to our War Front stallion Mosler for the 2-year span of the LLC's. 1.) the 7-year-old Henrythenavigator mare RAISE UP, in foal to Carpe Diem (stud fee: \$25,000), purchased for \$20,000. Her 1/2-sister is the dam of War Front's 3-year-old War Decree, whom trainer Aidan O'Brien is pointing for the \$6-million Breeders' Cup Classic on Nov. 4; RAISE UP is the dam of a yearling colt by Bodemeister (2017 yearling avg: \$116,000), sire of Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming, selling as Hip No. 135 on Oct. 23 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky. 2.) the 6-year-old Bernardini (stud fee: \$150,000) mare CURIO, in foal to Will Take Charge (fee: \$30,000), for \$40,000. The overwhelming popularity of Will Take Charge's first-crop yearlings at Keeneland resulted in the highest average among freshman sires: \$177,000. She's an A++ Nick to Mosler. 3.) the 5-year-old Malibu Moon mare LAURA'S MOON, in foal to 2017 Leading Freshman Sire Overanalyze, for \$9,000. With 22 First-Crop winners, and earnings of \$1.2-million (thru 10/19), Overanalyze is stamping himself as a terrific young sire at WinStar. And Malibu Moon is the broodmare sire of Eclipse Champion Stellar Wind. He has the favorites in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in undefeated Moonshine Memories and Gr. 1 winner Heavenly Love.

COUNTRY LIFE IN THE TDN!



The long history of Country Life Farm, founded in 1933 by Adolphe Pons, is recounted in an enjoyable piece of prose by Christine DeBernardis, a young reporter for the Thoroughbred Daily News, in their October on-line monthly magazine. Click on link here to read about a storied past, and an equally exciting future for Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Breeding Farm: Country Life.