



# Country Life Press

## September 2018 Newsletter

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## Super 1st-Crop Winners

A fast start at stud for Super Ninety Nine, Pulpit's speedball son whose first crop of foals are 2-Year-Olds of 2018. Owned by Spendthrift Farm and Country Life, Super Ninety Nine came to Maryland following a racing career in which he won the Grade 3 Southwest Stakes in a romp by 11 lengths, placed in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby, and displayed brilliant front-running speed.

His foals have inherited his ability. His first winner, Little Miss Raelyn, scored in her first start. A Maryland-bred for longtime Country Life owner Ken Lowe, Little Miss Raelyn brought a final bid of \$130,000 at this year's Ocala 2-year-old sale. She is stabled at Belmont Park in Jeremiah Englehart's string, and shipped down and back for her 3 1/2-length wire-to-wire Laurel maiden win. Super Ninety Nine's second winner, Ruby Punch, also won her debut, and displayed courage to win by a neck. She was bred by longtime Country Life client Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin, Jr.

Super Ninety Nine's third winner from 5 starters may be best of all: Country Life Farm-bred Better Yet. The bay filly is a 1/2-sister to 2017 Maryland Million Classic winner Bonus Points. She relished the sloppy going at Laurel to win by 16 lengths. All three Super Ninety Nine winners are eligible for the \$100,000 Maryland Million Lassie Stakes on October 20.



**Freshman Sire Super Ninety Nine**



Little Miss Raelyn on 8/19 at Laurel  
(Jim McCue photo)



Ruby Punch at Delaware on 9/8  
(Hoofprints, Inc. photo)



Better Yet by 16-1/2 on 9/9 at Laurel  
(Jim McCue photo)



# Saratoga Success

Friesan Fire had 2 reasons to celebrate the 2018 Saratoga season. Country Life's son of A.P. Indy is sire of Call Paul, a \$210,000 Timonium 2-Year-Old in May, undefeated in 2 starts after he wired the field in the \$200,000 Saratoga Special, Gr. 2. The same week, Friesan Fire's Gr. 1-winning son Army Mule, the \$825,000 2-Year-Old of 2016, returned to training in Todd Pletcher's barn. Call Paul, trained by Jason Servis, is pointing for the Oct. 6, Gr. 1 Champagne Stakes at Belmont. Both runners are aiming for the Breeders' Cup.



Call Paul wins G2 Saratoga Special (NYRA photo)



Monte Crista wins \$100,000 Riskaverse Stakes (NYRA)

Country Life Racing Partnership runner Monte Crista scored one for the ages when she dominated Saratoga's \$100,000 Riskaverse Stakes on August 23. A \$30,000 Timonium 2-Year-Old purchase by Country Life, Monte Crista has earned \$139,910. She won at Laurel and Monmouth, and had placed 3rd in the \$100,000 Ta Wee Stakes at Indiana Downs, before reaching trainer Mike Trombetta's Saratoga string. She is aiming for the \$200,000 Pebbles Stakes at Belmont Park on October 13.

## Monte Crista Partners:

1. Colleen Akehurst, Texas
2. Country Life Farm, Maryland
3. Tony Dale, Maryland
4. David D. Heim, Pennsylvania
5. Kevin McGill, Maryland
6. Dave Johnson, Texas
7. Chip Reed, Maryland
8. Phyllis Soboczenski, Delaware
9. Patrick Thompson, Maryland
10. Debi Tucker, North Carolina



Monte Crista partners celebrate the win.



# Oct. 1-2 Timonium Yearling Sale

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October Yearling sale is right around the corner: Oct. 1-2 at the Timonium Sales Pavilion. Merryland Broodmare Manager Kim Crowell and our staff are prepping more than a dozen yearlings for Country Life and clients. Bloodstock agent Bill Reightler will handle the farm's consignment, comprised of well-bred youngsters from our "Raise You" breeding partnerships. We'll have yearlings by leading Kentucky sires such as Kitten's Joy, Twirling Candy, Tapizar, and Orb. We also have beautiful colts and fillies by Country Life's promising Freshman Sire Super Ninety Nine, who has 17 yearlings catalogued in this sale. He was represented by two more maiden winners from his first crop on 9/8 and 9/9 (all three of his winners, from 5 starters, were foaled and raised at Country Life). Maryland's leading sire Friesan Fire (who sired G1 winner Army Mule and G2 winner Call Paul this year) will be represented by 7 yearlings. Come out to the sales grounds and pick your next winner from the Country Life consignment. Click on the catalog cover below for complete pedigrees and hip numbers. \*Note that Friesan Fire has 2 of the 4 stakes winners on the cover.



Orb – Captive Melody c.



Super Ninety Nine-Fleet and Fancy c.



Super Ninety Nine-Moon Map c.



Kitten's Joy-Broken Trust Fund f.



Tapizar—Serena's Joy f.



Twirling Candy-Miss Moonshine f.



Super Ninety Nine-Legal Affect f.



Super Ninety Nine-Atlantic Tide f.



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