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Two New Racing Partnerships: Sold Out

Partnerships in horses are nothing new, but Country Life's simple formula of 1) no markup 2) CLF buys first of 10 shares 3) generally two-year-terms, and 4) 60% majority rule, brings investors a comfort level that the high-risk, high-reward horse business is shared with veteran managers.

This popular format does not make Racehorses run any faster, or Yearlings and Weanlings sell any better, but when your managing partner has the same "skin-in-the-game" as you, rewards and risks are shared equally. That is a big reason our latest two Yearling Partnerships sold out quickly — to core partners, and a few new faces to the industry.

At the Oct. 1-2 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale, we kept our powder dry until deep into the 500-hip auction. At Hip #393, we made a final bid of \$40,000 for a New York-bred filly by red-hot young sire Cairo Prince (2018 yearling avg: \$111,000). A week later, a \$340,000 Cairo Prince yearling set the Ocala Sales Company fall-sale record.

At Hip #405, we made a final bid of \$87,000 for a Virginia-bred filly by Carpe Diem (2018 yearling avg: \$140,000). One day later, plans to re-open Virginia's Colonial Downs in 2019 were announced. Welcome to our world, everyone.



Cairo Prince filly out of Smitten by Gold

Partners: CLF, Colleen Akehurst, Carol & Jim Tanzola, Matt Brunner, Andrea Perry, the Thompson family, Mike Stone, Dr. Carol Copeland, Michele Peters, and Laura Goodman.

Carpe Diem filly out of Street Interest

Partners: CLF, Harold Rottman, Frank Morgan, Dr. Albert Polk, Mark Ronsini, Joe Fonte, Jim Kuhlman, Bob Kern, Steve Morris and Bob Goldman.



FRIESAN FIRE: Maryland's Gr. 1 Sire

What a month for our A. P. Indy-son FRIESAN FIRE. His daughter FIRE KEY wins the \$100,000 Sensible Lady Turf Dash Stakes at Laurel on 9/22. His 2-year-old son CALL PAUL (photo at right) comes off a win in the G2 Saratoga Special to run 3rd in the \$500,000 G1 Champagne Stakes last weekend. Then word came that the spectacular, undefeated speedball ARMY MULE will enter stud in 2019 for a \$10,000 fee at prestigious Hill 'n Dale Farm in Lexington.

Call Paul winning G2 Saratoga Special. NYRA photo



Next "RAISE YOU" BROODMARES Shopping on Monday, Oct. 15, Saratoga

Two years ago, we began our popular Raise You Broodmare Partnerships, when we bought four in-foal mares at Keeneland, in the \$50,000-to-\$65,000-range, for 10-share LLC's. Those four mares delivered Maryland-Bred Foals of 2016. Those foals, now 2-Year-Olds, comprise the first wave of "Raise You" runners to earn Maryland-Bred Breeder Bonuses for the partners in their LLC's.

On Saturday, October 6, at Laurel, "Raise You" Partners earned the first of many Breeders Awards to come, when the Maryland-Bred Orb colt INORBIT finished 3rd in a \$42,520 Maiden Special race. His purse earnings of \$5,720 in turn earned a 30% bonus (\$1,716) for his 10 "Raise You" breeders. If/when he breaks his maiden, he'll earn approximately \$10,000 as a Breeders' Bonus.

INORBIT's dam, Serena's Joy (carrying him), cost \$55,000 at Keeneland. We sold INORBIT as a weanling (see photo below) for \$52,000 and sold the mare for \$10,000 in 2017. The LLC "got out" on the acquisition costs, after having foaled 2 Maryland-Bred foals eligible to earn future Breeders' Awards. That's working the plan.

Mike Pons is heading to The Saratoga Fall Sale this weekend to shop on Monday for Raise You mares (after he visits Belmont Park to watch Country Life Racing Partnership filly Monte Crista in the \$200,000 Pebbles Stakes). At Saratoga last fall, we purchased mares in foal to Will Take Charge, Carpe Diem, and Overanalyze (2018 Raise You weanlings now).

Call Mike's cell at 410-459-8517, or send an email to us at josh@countrylifefarm.com if you'd like information on Saratoga "Raise You" mare-purchases next week.



Inorbit, the now 2-year-old colt by Orb out of Serena's Joy, prior to selling as a weanling at Keeneland in 2016.

Maryland Million Week events

It's Maryland Million time, which means a great day of racing at Laurel on Saturday, October 20th and our annual Autumn Day in the Country Open House on Sunday, October 21st. If you have horses with us, either in our partnerships or as boarders, or are interested in learning more about the game and what we do, plan to come to Merryland Farm on Sunday from 11-2 as we enjoy each other's company and good food while watching horses train on the track and romp in the paddocks. RSVP to Sallyellen@countrylifefarm.com or call 410-879-1952 if you'll be attending.



MOVIE NIGHT AT COUNTRY LIFE



Kick off 2018 Jim McKay Maryland Million Week
Friday, October 12, from 6-8 pm
at Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm!



Join us for a private screening of recently discovered historic footage of Harford County's famous racetracks at Havre de Grace and Bel Air.

With cameo appearances by *Man o' War* at Faraway Farm and stallions at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky.

Guest Speaker: Eliza McGraw, winner of the 2016 Tony Ryan Book Award for her masterful equine biography, *Here Comes Exterminator! The Longshot Horse, the Great War, and the Making of an American Hero.*

\$50 Donation benefits the Historical Society of Harford County (includes food and drinks).

Sponsored by Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, Country Life, and Merryland Farms.

Think of the Marx Brothers' "Day at the Races" turned into the Pons Brothers' "Night at the Farm."

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If you haven't already RSVP'd, give us a call today to join us at **6:00 tonight, Oct. 12th** for "Movie Night at Country Life" to kick off Maryland Million week!

We'll be watching recently discovered historic footage of the Bel Air and Havre de Grace race-tracks, *Man 'o War* and Claiborne Farm.

Food and drinks will be provided, tickets are \$50 at the door and benefit the Historical Society of Harford County.

Hope to see you here!



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