

# Country Life Press May 2019 Newsletter



From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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### MHBA 90th Anniversary Horse Farm Tour

May was a busy month, with the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, plus the Fasig-Tipton 2-year-olds in Training Sale - not to mention breeding and foaling season being in full swing! Days on a breeding farm in spring can be hectic, but we opened our doors to the public on Saturday, May 11th (the week between the Derby and Preakness) as part of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's 90th Anniversary Horse Farm Tour.

Members of the MHBA worked hard to get the word out, as 13 different Thoroughbred horse farms in 5 counties across the state were participating in the open house. Kudos to MHBA member Theresa Wiseman for handling the media aspect and coordinating all of the good press. Through her efforts, TV stations aired live or recorded segments at farms to promote the event, including Fox 45 featuring Country Life Farm in their "Hometown Hotspot" live segment the week before. Newspapers wrote about the open house as well, and it led to a huge turnout at both Country Life and Merryland. Around 400 people visited our farms that day, and we received nothing but great comments from all - from how good our horses looked to how beautiful the farms were. We hope the event educated the public about how important the horse industry is to Maryland, and we're sure we added some new fans to the sport!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day go so well, including the volunteers who stayed all day to point people in the right direction, and thank you to all who came out to see the farms and horses. It was a great day!



Sallyellen Hurst photo



New Partnership
Fillies (all sold out
within hours of the
sale results being
posted)!

Pictured are (top to bottom):

\$20,000 MD-bred by Congrats out of Starsonhershoulder

Partners: Lance Scott, Bill Brewster, Matt Brunner, Mike Stone, Margie Strieter, Frank Morgan, David Krasnoff, Kyle Kirby, Bob Kern & CLF.

\$32,000 KY-bred by Ghostzapper out of Sushi





#### **Empire**

Partners: Jim Kuhlman, Dave Johnson, Jay Lebow, John Courson, Harold Rottman, Chris Simmers, Bill Brewster, Bill Marlow, Tom Sychuk & CLF.

# \$20,000 NY-bred by Central Banker out of Keep Right

Partners: Guy Pastore, Max Hodges, Dennis Lynch, Evan Ferraro, Jon Davis, Bill Brewster, Harlan Crossman, Greg Pierce, Lucy Howard & CLF.

All three fillies will be trained by leading Laurel Park trainer Michael Trombetta.

#### **CLF-Sired Winners**

Country Life stallions were still on a roll in May, siring several nice maiden and allowance winners. **Super Ninety Nine** had three maiden winners, and started the month off with a 2-year-old winner named Forfiftyfiverocket. Bred by Country Life & Fleet and Fancy LLC, the handsome chestnut colt was purchased as a yearling by trainer John Salzman, Jr. and is owned by a partnership of Salzman, Fred Wasserloos and George Greenwalt. The next maiden winner came at Pimlico when Ortinola won a Maiden Special Weight for breeder/owners Rob & Mary Atkinson. Trained by Carl Doran, the homebred filly is out of the multiple stakes winning mare Homemaker. And his 3rd maiden winner was the cleverly named SPF

Ninetynine at Delaware Park. Owned and trained by Jackie Savoye, the red-headed filly (thus the need for the sunscreen, lol) was bred by Spendthrift Farm.

Freedom Child continued his streak of winners when his 3-year-old daughter Millie Child broke her maiden on debut at Laurel for her breeder/owner Caroline Rocourt's Mill Hill Stable. He also sired the exacta in an Allowance at Pimlico on May 16th. Hall Pass, bred by Spendthrift Farm out of the stakes winning mare GG's Dolly, nipped another son of Freedom Child, Nico Bree n Teej (bred by Country Life and Mrs. Glennie Martin), at the wire. The pair were also involved in the Freedom Childsired trifecta at Laurel last month when Nico Bree n Teej was 2nd and Hall Pass was 3rd in an Allowance won by Confessor. Hall Pass, owned by Mens Grille Racing and trained by Hamilton Smith, increased his earnings to over \$118,000 with his 3rd lifetime victory. She's Julia Child, a PA-bred daughter of Freedom Child, won for the 3rd straight time in Allowance company for her owner/breeder Rick Bosshard. Trained by Flint Stites, the pretty grey filly has 5 wins and earnings of over \$140,000. Over at Charles Town, the track is abuzz about a fast Freedom Child filly who is on a 5-race win streak. Parisian Diva, a homebred for Melinda Golden, earned her 5th straight victory on May 30th and is now being talked about as a potential starter in the Grade 3 Charles Town Oaks in September. The stakes-winning WV-bred filly is trained by Stacey Viands and has earned over \$136,000 so far with 6 wins, a second and third in 8 starts.

Friesan Fire also had a slew of winners in recent weeks, including Backwards Stable's homebred multiple stakes-winning filly Fire Key, who scored another blacktype victory in the \$125,000 License Fee Stakes on the turf at Belmont at the end of April. The NY-bred, trained by James Ryerson, has earnings of \$574,000. Other recent winners for Friesan Fire include maiden winners Joey Gotcha at Pimlico and Brushed by Fire at Delaware Park, along with several repeat winners.













## **April Foal Gallery**



Scarlette Rah filly by Freedom Child, foaled 4/1; owned by Bo & Stella Smith



Merrimac colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/3; owned by Gainesway Farm



Miss Moonshine filly by Mosler, foaled 4/5; owned by CLF & Miss Moonshine LLC



Tiz Partners filly by Mosler, foaled 4/6; owned by Tom McDermott



Curlins Queen filly b We Miss Artie, foaled 4/7; owned by Carl Lanier



Courage to Change filly by Hit it a Bomb, foaled 4/12; owned by Country Life Farm



Sky Given colt by Fast Anna, foaled 4/12; owned by Susan Wantz



Princess Aly colt by Northern Afleet, foaled 4/12; owned by Sherwood Bryant



Lovely Moon colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/13; owned by Helen Alexander



D D Renegade colt by Gormley, foaled 4/13; owned by Candyland Farm



Thievery colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/13; owned by Gainesway Farm



Small Rebellion colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/15; owned by Roy & Gretchen Jackson



Stone Silence colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/16; owned by Robert Taylor & CLF



Keep Right filly by Lord Nelson, foaled 4/17; owned by CLF & Keep Right LLC



Chamberlin Road filly by Divining Rod, foaled 4/18; owned by Tom McDermott



Missy Rules colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/19; owned by CLF & Missy Rules LLC



Group Therapy filly by Divining Rod, foaled 4/20; owned by Robert Taylor & CLF



Scenario Analysis filly by We Miss Artie, foaled 4/21; owned by Carl Lanier



Toasty colt by Friesan Fire, foaled 4/22; owned by Dreamtime Stable



Bucklebury colt by Divining Rod, foaled 4/23; owned by Linda Sutton & Laura Roadcap



Heather filly by Divining Rod, foaled 4/24; owned by CLF & Heather LLC



Raise Up colt by Mosler, foaled 4/29; owned by CLF & Raise Up LLC



Rockhard N Noble filly by Mosler, foaled 4/30; owned by Sharon Banford

Foaling Channel w/ Birth Videos













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