



# Country Life Press November 2019 Newsletter

*From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*

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## New Partnerships for Mares from Keeneland -----SOLD OUT-----



Real Good Time



Sister State

### REAL GOOD TIME (left)

Partners: Country Life Farm 20% (MD), Pat & Mike Freeney 20% (KY), Mark Ronsini 20% (GA), Debbie Benner 20% (LA), Cape Fear Thoroughbreds 20% (NC).

### SISTER STATE (right)

Partners: Country Life Farm 20% (MD), Pat & Mike Freeney 20% (KY), Ken Yingling 20% (PA), Cape Fear Thoroughbreds 20% (NC), The Larson Group 20% (MD).

The two mares we purchased at Keeneland last week --- 9-year-old REAL GOOD TIME (for \$33,000), in foal to Constitution, and 9-year-old SISTER STATE (for \$40,000), an A. P. Indy mare in foal to Champion Midshipman --- sold out quickly.

At no markup from public auction, the two mares were offered individually in

5-share LLC's. Country Life took the first 20% interest, to be an equal partner with our broodmare investors. A 20% share in REAL GOOD TIME cost \$6,600; a 20% share in SISTER STATE cost \$8,000.

Mares of such quality as REAL GOOD TIME and SISTER STATE are the key to the production of well-bred Maryland foals in coming years. The market's dramatic shift toward the higher-end mares means that all breeders will have to upgrade their inventory. Imagine the top stables that will race in Maryland once the proposed \$400-million improvements are made to Pimlico and Laurel. We better have well-bred foals in the pipeline to compete.

The next sale is Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Timonium. Call or e-mail to discuss our strategy as we examine the catalogue, which can be viewed on-line at [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com)

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## **Stallion Showcase Day at Laurel Saturday, Nov. 30th**

Laurel Park is hosting a new event showcasing Maryland's stallions on Saturday morning, Nov. 30, from 8-11:30.

Representatives of all the stallion farms in the state will be present. Free breakfast will be provided.

Country Life Farm's four stallions --- FRIESAN FIRE (by A. P. Indy), SUPER NINETY NINE (by Pulpit); MOSLER (by War Front), and DIVINING ROD (by Tapit).--- will be featured beginning at 11 o'clock. Complimentary buffet lunch will be served in the Ruffian Room afterwards.

RSVP here: [Stallion Showcase Day EventBrite page](#)

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# Maryland Million Weekend Fun

The 30th Anniversary running of the Maryland Million took place on Oct. 19, and Country Life stallion Friesan Fire sired the Classic winner for the second consecutive year.

In 2018, Saratoga Bob took the \$150,000 main event. This year, Forest Fire triumphed. The 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred gelding, bred and owned by Shirley Lojeski, was coming off of two allowance wins at Parx. He stalked the leader to the top of the stretch, went to the front, and crossed the wire a half-length winner.

Earlier on the card, a son of former Country Life stallion Cal Nation named Ournationonparade, who was foaled here on the farm for breeder Jay Williamson, broke his maiden in the \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery Stakes for 2-year-olds.

*Jim McCue photos*



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On the Sunday, after the Maryland Million, we hosted our annual Autumn Day in the Country Open House at Merryland. It was a rainy day but partners and clients packed the house, celebrating a great weekend and seeing their horses up close. We awarded the Bill Quinn Sportsmanship award posthumously to Dave McSweeney, and the Quinn Family was with us to present the award to Dave's family. Dave was an avid player in multiple partnerships and he loved the races and visiting the farm to see his horses. We all miss him.





## In the Winner's Circle

Partnership 2-year-old filly Bella Aurora won again at Laurel on Nov. 2nd, this time switching to dirt and going long for the first time. After placing in the \$100,000 Jamestown Stakes and Anne Arundel County Stakes on the turf, she handled the change in surface and distance, drawing off to an easy 3-length win with Julian Pimentel in the irons.

Trainer Mike Trombetta is eyeing the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes for her next start on December 28th. Her earnings stand at \$85,000 in 5 starts.

Also in the winner's circle recently were runners by Country Life stallions Friesan Fire and Super Ninety Nine:

### **Friesan Fire**

Rip Rap Riley, 10/11 at Laurel (Claiming)

Annika Gold, 10/12 at Parx (Claiming)

Fire Key, 10/12 at Belmont (**Floral Park Stakes**)

Forest Fire, 10/19 at Laurel (**Maryland Million Classic**)

Cowboy Mz, 10/21 at Parx (Claiming)

My Devils Child, 10/25 at Penn (2 yo Maiden)

Bernie's on Fire, 11/1 at Laurel (2yo Maiden debut)

Pocopson Station, 11/8 at Penn (2 yo Maiden debut)

Shoe Loves Shoe, 11/9 at Penn (Claiming)

Rip Rap Riley, 11/15 at Laurel (Claiming)

Mission Oberon, 11/21 at Laurel (SOC)

Destiny's Charge, 11/21 at Finger Lakes (2 yo Maiden)

### **Super Ninety Nine**

Sunday Red, 10/11 at Laurel (Maiden)

Pataz, 10/18 at Laurel (2 yo Maiden)

Rio Abajo, 10/20 at Monmouth (2 yo Maiden)

Ortinola, 11/8 at Laurel (Claiming)

Tommy Shelby, 11/10 at Laurel (2 yo AOC)

Super Donna G, 11/11 at Laurel (2 yo Maiden)

Riding Cloud Nine, 11/13 at CT (2 yo Maiden)

Equus Novus, 11/16 at Parx (Claiming)

Super Valentine, 11/22 at Churchill (2 yo Maiden)

Fairy Wish, 11/23 at Laurel (Maiden)

Be Bop a Lola, 11/23 at Laurel (2 yo Maiden)





## Country Life Apparel

Ellen Pons has been working on her Zazzle store site at [www.zazzle.com/store/ellen107](http://www.zazzle.com/store/ellen107). Here you can find hats and tops with your Country Life horse's name embroidered on them. Click on [Partnership Hats Collection](#) or [Partnership tops](#) to find collections of these items for all of our current horses in training. To quickly find a specific horse, type in your horse's name in the search bar and it will display all the items relating to that horse. Or type "Countrylife" to find items with general farm tags. You can also create your own items.

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