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Stallion Show at Country Life Farm Saturday, Jan 25th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm




**COUNTRY LIFE FARM
STALLION SHOW**
Saturday January 25th, 2020 11:00 - 2:00 pm


DIVINING ROD by Tapit




SUPER NINETY NINE by Pulpit



MOSLER by War Front



FRIESAN FIRE by A P INDY



Country Life Farm is hosting our annual Stallion Show this Saturday, January 25th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Join us to see the region's best lineup of up-and-coming sires:

FRIESAN FIRE - Maryland's ONLY sire of a graded-stakes winner in 2018 and 2019. A perennial leading General Sire in the Mid-Atlantic.

SUPER NINETY NINE - Maryland's #1 Second Crop Sire in 2019 (a top 20 National 2nd Crop Sire), and a leading 2-year-old sire by percentage of winners from starters.

MOSLER - First crop runs in 2020, his yearlings averaged more than 4x his stud fee. Big, handsome 2-year-olds are training forwardly all over the Mid-Atlantic.

DIVINING ROD - First crop yearlings in 2020 have already sold for 6-7 times his stud fee at Keeneland January. The best-bred son of Tapit outside of Kentucky, a nose from winning G1 Cigar Mile, 3rd in the G1 Preakness.

As always, our famous cream-of-crab soup and other delicious food and drinks will be served.

RSVP here: sallyellen@countrylifefarm.com

New Partnership Offerings

Tapit is quickly becoming a sire of sires. His son Constitution the #1 First-Crop sire by graded stakes winners, stakes winners and winners. Tapit is also the sire of Tapizar, a leading Fourth-Crop sire by graded stakes winners and the sire of Champion Monomoy Girl.

Divining Rod is the best-bred son of Tapit outside of Kentucky, with a proven sire's pedigree on top and bottom. His dam, Precious Kitten, was a multiple G1-winner who earned almost \$2-million on the track and she is a 1/2-sister to perennial leading sire Kitten's Joy. Divining Rod's race record speaks for itself as well. A Grade 3 winner, he was multiple-graded stakes placed and finished on the board in 14 of 17 starts, mostly graded stakes races. At 3 he won the G3 Coolmore Lexington Stakes before finishing 3rd in the G1 Preakness behind American Pharoah. He was a nose from winning the G1 Cigar Mile at 4 and won a stakes again at age 5. Retired to stand at Country Life, he bred 102 mares his first season at stud and has the weighty support of co-owners and breeders Roy & Gretchen Jackson, who raced him under their Lael Stables banner, and Gainesway Farm.

Divining Rod's first crop of yearlings are outstanding and full of quality. They sold for up to 6x & 7x his stud fee at the recent Keeneland January Mixed Sale. Country Life and the Jacksons have already been active in the market for his sons and daughters, as both have purchased yearlings from his first crop at Keeneland.



Country Life purchased the MD-bred filly out of Dixie Dancer, a Union Rags mare who is 1/2-sister to Champion 2-year-old She Be Wild, for \$36,000. She was foaled at Country Life in January for her breeder Gainesway Farm, and she's the first foal for both her sire and dam.

9 of 10 shares are being offered for \$3,600 each, with Country Life retaining one share. Monthly expenses are estimated to be around \$200/month until she gets to the races next year at 2.

If you're interested in getting into the racing game with us on a very well-bred filly from the first crop of one of the best sons of Tapit at stud, give us a call.

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Getting Lucky



2-year-old Pioneer of the Nile filly out of Lucky Number, whose dam is a 1/2 to MGSW Got Lucky.

Country Life Farm made another purchase at Keeneland January last week. Already sold out, the 2-year-old filly by Pioneer of the Nile is out of one of the best female families in the stud book. Her dam is the Smart Strike mare Lucky Number, a 1/2-sister to G1-winner Got Lucky. Her 3rd dam is the Blue Hen mare Get Lucky, who is one of the top producers from the Phipps family of Dance Number which traces back to La Troienne. We've applied for the name "Getting Lucky" for her.

This filly has two half-sisters, Sconset (by Tapit) who sold for \$900,000 as a yearling, and Strike at Dawn (by Declaration of War) a 2-time winner who narrowly missed a graded-stakes placing in California recently. Getting Lucky was galloping strongly at WinStar's training center before the sale and is currently training at Merryland.

A pretty filly who stands about 16 hands with plenty of leg and scope, we're excited to add her to our racing stable. A 5-share partnership, astute partners who were watching the sale results called to reserve a piece of her right away: **John & Marcia Courson (AZ), Mark Ronsini (GA), Bill & Suzie Brewster (OK), John Stuart (KY) and Country Life Farm.**

We're hoping we'll be Getting Lucky at the races later this year with a filly whose residual value is well established already.

In the Winner's Circle

Our racing partnerships finished 2019 on a high note. 2-year-old filly Combat Queen broke her maiden at Laurel on 12/26, after a good 2nd in her debut two weeks prior.



Two days later we hit a double, when Let's Play Nine scored his second straight win in an Allowance and Bella Aurora got her first stakes win in the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes on 12/28.



Let's Play Nine



Bella Aurora

Country Life stallions had the following winners recently as well:

Friesan Fire

DC Fireman, 1/5 at Laurel
Hell of Afire, 1/19 at Laurel (ALW)
Bernie's on Fire, 1/20 at Laurel
(ALW)

Super Ninety Nine

Fortyfive rocket, 12/27 at Laurel
Let's Play Nine, 12/28 at Laurel
(ALW)
Super Donna G, 1/4 at Penn
National

Foaling season is here! We've already had 3 foals so far in January - tune in to our live foaling webcam each evening to catch the action (click the link below)! We'll have pictures of all the January babies in our next Newsletter so stay tuned...



Foaling Webcam

Country Life Apparel

Ellen Pons has been working on her Zazzle store site at 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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