

Country Life Press May 2020 Newsletter



From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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Live Racing to Resume in Maryland May 30th



Live racing will resume at Laurel Park on Saturday, May 30th with a 3-day schedule (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) this weekend and Friday, Saturday and Sunday next weekend. After that racing will be held on Fridays and Saturdays. Laurel's first condition book, scheduled for 15 days, was released last week and entries were already taken for Saturday and Sunday.

Among the first entries for Country Life partnership racehorses will be Lucky Ninety Nine, who could run as early as next weekend in a maiden race. Fifteen Royals, coming off a winter layup, hopes to make her 2020 debut later in June in a first-level allowance after breaking her maiden on debut last fall. Savedbythebelle also hopes to be in the entries by late June, with Combat Queen soon after. Both 3-year-old fillies broke their maidens before the COVID-19 epidemic shut down racing. Stakes winner Bella Aurora and maiden winner Virginia Beach will be heading back to Mike Trombetta's barn at Laurel soon after a brief freshener at Merryland while the tracks were closed.

There are no 2-year-old races scheduled in the first condition book for Laurel, but they will be in the second book which should begin in July if all goes well. We have several promising 2-year-olds training at Laurel who will be looking to make their racing debuts this summer, including a few by our first-crop sire Mosler.

New Farm Visitation Policy

Maryland has begun slowly opening certain businesses, for which we're all thankful.

We've decided to follow suit and will begin allowing only OWNERS/PARTNERS OF HORSES BOARDED ON THE FARMS to visit, as long as the following rules are adhered to:

- Visiting hours will be Tuesdays Saturdays from Noon-3pm only and an appointment MUST be made ahead of time by calling the office (410-879-1952) or on Saturdays call General Manager Christy Holden's cell (410-808-1325)
- A sign-in sheet will be located at both farms, and ALL visitors must sign-in upon arrival. At Merryland Farm the clipboard will be at the main house on the patio under the awning. At Country Life the clipboard will be outside of the office.
- All visitors MUST wear face masks and practice social distancing from our staff, maintaining a 6 foot spacing from people and horses.
- Please do not go in the offices or barns at either farm. If your horse(s) are in the barn one of our staff will bring them outside for you to see.

If you can't make the trip out but still want to know what's going on you can go to our YouTube and Facebook pages for videos and photos of farm life. Ellen Pons' dramatic footage of foals being born at Country Life, of stallions at work, and of the many young horses-in-training at Merryland put you virtually on these beautiful farms on spring days (and nights in the foaling barn).

Like us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channels - both the main farm page (<u>CountryLifeFarm1933</u>) and our foaling channel (<u>CountryLifeFoalingCameras</u>) to get notifications when we're live and to see the videos once they are posted.

Here are links to some playlists you might enjoy:

Around the Farm
Yearlings

We hope everyone stays safe during this unprecedented time. If we all follow the protocols for keeping a safe distance, wearing masks, and washing hands, we'll weather this viral storm.

It's Not Too Late to Breed

Many breeders are unaware of how many great racehorses were born in May and even June. Their dams were bred in late May, June and in some cases the first week of July. It's not too late to breed your mare, and with the renovations to Laurel and Pimlico in the works your Maryland-bred or Maryland-sired foal could be running at top-class facilities for top-class purses very soon!

Check out this list of notable late foals:

Notable May foals: (fillies not included)

Accelerate - May 10 Acclamation - May 16 Afleet Alex - May 9 Air Force Blue - May 2 Albert The Great - May 7 Algorithms - May 8 Army Mule - May 29 Baldski - May 15 Bayem - May 3 Beau Genius - May 20 Bee Jersey - May 5 Big Blue Kitten - May 1 Birdstone - May 16 Blame - May 2 Broken Vow - May 12 Cannonade - May 12 City of Light - May 7 Connect - May 6 Cozzene - May 8 Cupid - May 19 Deputy Minister - May 17 Distant View - May 9 End Sweep - May 31 Exterminator - May 30 Fappiano - May 19 Forest Wildcat- May 14 Forty Niner - May 11 Free Drop Billy - May 3 Graydar - May 16 Hard Spun - May 10 Is It True - May 12 Kitten's Joy - May 8 Lemon Drop Kid - May 26 Lookin At Lucky - May 27 Lucky Debonair - May 2 Mastery - May 3 Medal Count - May 1 Menifee - May 4 Midnight Lute - May 13 Midnight Storm - May 9 Mine That Bird - May 10 Mineshaft - May 17 Mohaymen - May 2 Mr. Speaker - May 14 Mshawish - May 16

Mucho Macho Man - June 15

Normandy Invasion - May 2 Northern Dancer - May 27 Nureyev - May 2 Palace Malice - May 2 Pioneerof The Nile - May 5 Pleasant Colony - May 4 Pleasant Tap - May 8 Point Of Entry - May 10 Saint Ballado - May 14 Scat Daddy - May 11 Seabiscuit - May 23 Shaman Ghost - May 5 Slumber - May 7 Smart Strike - May 21 Spend A Buck - May 15 Summer Front - May 4 Tapiture - May 3 Tapizar - May 6 Thunder Gulch - May 23 Touch Gold - May 26 Valid Appeal - May 12 Victory Gallop - May 30 War Admiral - May 2 War Correspondent - May 3 West Coast- May 14 Wild Again - May 22

It's Foaling Season! Click the orange button at right to go to our YouTube foaling channel with videos of the births and the broadcast of the live webcams each evening.

Or click on our main YouTube channel at right for other farm videos to brighten your day!

Foaling Channel w/ Birth Videos

Country Life's YouTube Channel

April Foal Gallery

(click on pictures for links to Ellen's photo gallery)



Miss Moonshine filly by Mosler, foaled 4/3; owned by CLF & Miss Moonshine LLC



Sky Given filly by Mosler, foaled 4/5; owned by Susan Wantz



Kela's Pride colt by Gattopardo, foaled 4/8; owned by Susan Wantz



Sister State filly by Midshipman, foaled 4/8; owned by CLF & Sister State LLC



Skipperdee colt by Cloud Computing, foaled 4/8; owned by Charles Parker & Dean Barber



Missy Rules filly by Divining Rod, foaled 4/17; owned by CLF & Mike Stone



Glackety colt by Mor Spirit, foaled 4/17; owned by Charles Parker's Barak Farm



Requesting filly by Atreides, foaled 4/17; owned by Charles Parker's Barak Farm



Moon Vision colt by Mosler, foaled 4/18; owned by CLF & Moon Vision LLC



Toasty filly by Mo Town, foaled 4/20; owned by Dreamtime Stables



Arch Enemy colt by Kobe's Back, foaled 4/25; owned by Charles Parker's Barak Farm



Courage to Change filly by Divining Rod, foaled 4/26; owned by Country Life Farm





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