

Country Life Press



October 2020 Newsletter



From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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New Partnership: Mose Perfect



Offering 4 shares @ \$3,000/each for a 20% interest

Country Life just purchased this good-looking Mosler colt at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling sale in Kentucky on Thursday ([Pedigree - Hip 1400](#)). He's bred on the same cross as Mosler's stakes-winner Miss Nondescript, and was bred and raised by the same connections - Charles Parker's Barak Farm in Paris, KY.

The MD-bred/MD Million eligible colt is out of the speedy multiple stakes-placed mare Delightful Dawn, who earned over \$167,000 on the track in 31 starts. Durable and sound, she broke her maiden at 2 and was on the board in more than half of her starts, racing until she was 6.

He arrived at Merryland on Saturday morning and will start the breaking/training process next week with the goal of heading to trainer Mike Trombetta next summer to prepare for the 2-year-old races at Laurel. Maybe he'll be the star of Mosler's second crop next year. We've named him Mose Perfect.

Shares will go fast in this colt. As usual there is no markup on the purchase price. Country Life will retain one of 5 shares and we've already sold another, so 3 shares remain at \$3,000/share for a 20% interest as of this writing. Call the office (410-879-1952) or Josh, Mike or Christy to learn more.

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The yearlings we purchased earlier this month (pictured below) are SOLD OUT, so don't wait to get in on this Mosler colt!



Galilei, by Lemon Drop Kid out of Fairytale Ending (by Galileo).

\$92,000 Purchase

SOLD OUT

Partners:

CLF 10%

Cape Fear TB's LLC 10%

John & Marcia Courson 10%

Robert Goldman 10%

Jim Guidera 10%

Frederic Gussin 10%

Robert Kern 10%

Frank Morgan 5%

Dave Johnson/Rajet Holdings LLC 5%

Harold Rottman 10%

Mike Stone 10%



Love Saga, by Mosler out of Sagamoon (by Malibu Moon).

\$10,000 Purchase

SOLD OUT

Partners:

CLF 25%

Jim Guidera 25%

Lucy Howard 25%

Mark Ronsini 25%



Divine Fashion, by Divining Rod out of Easter Fashion (by Kela).

\$20,000 purchase

SOLD OUT

Partners:

CLF 20%

Jim Connor 20%

Jim Ridgley 20%

Jim & Carol Tanzola 20%

Patrick Thompson 20%

MOSLER: Leading the Mid-Atlantic Freshman Sire List

Spurred by his daughter Miss Nondescript winning the Maryland Million Lassie ([video](#)) at Laurel on October 24th, Mosler now leads the Mid-Atlantic Freshman sire ranks with 5 winners and a stakes winner. He is #17 on the North American First Crop Sire list as of press time.

Aside from his five winners, his first winner Heir Port just missed winning a \$50,000 Allowance at Monmouth by a neck and was 4th in the Sapling Stakes after a rough trip. Another winner, Depository, was 4th in the MD Million Nursery after getting bumped around. Mosler's 5th winner, Fearless Ideas, broke her maiden against colts at Gulfstream Park West earlier this month. And on Friday, 10/30 first-time starter Hello Hot Rod (1/2 to multiple stakes winner Hello Beautiful), breaking from the inside post position, came running down the stretch to just miss getting the win by a neck.

Mosler's progeny look to get better with more distance, as many have made late runs to hit the board. Mosler has several runners entered this weekend and many more have registered good works recently so his stock is on the rise.



MARYLAND MILLION Recap

It was a beautiful day for the 35th annual Maryland Million day at the races. The farm's stallions were well represented, and highlights from the day included Mosler's first stakes winner with Miss Nondescript in the \$100,000 MD Million Lassie. Moved to the barn of trainer Mike Trombetta after her maiden victory at Monmouth in September, the Barak Farm homebred came charging in the stretch to claim a neck victory at the wire.

Friesan Fire continued his streak of siring a MD Million winner when FIYA took the \$75,000 Turf Sprint Stakes. Sent off as the heavy favorite in the field of 8, he drew off in the stretch to win by more than 2 lengths on the soft turf. Recently purchased for \$400,000 by Robert Masiello and sent to Tom Albertrani in New York, the MD-bred started his career at Laurel with breeder Ann Merryman and was trained by her son Michael for his first 4 starts. After breaking his maiden in his 3rd start, and first try on the grass, he then won a turf Allowance at Laurel before being sold through the Wanamaker Online Auction in July.

Both Miss Nondescript and Fiya were ridden by Trevor McCarthy, who had 3 winners on the day.

About 250 spectators were allowed to attend in addition to licensed owners and trainers. While we missed having our partners attend and all the usual festive activities of the weekend couldn't happen, we were all happy that Maryland's best day at the races could take place.



Miss Nondescript (Mosler) got up at the wire in the MD Million Lassie to go 2-for-2 lifetime.

Fiya (Friesan Fire) continued his dominance in turf sprints, winning the MD Million Turf Sprint.

Yearling Sale Success

DIVINING ROD YEARLINGS SHINE

The two-day Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale took place on October 5-6th in Timonium, MD. Of the 553 yearlings catalogued for the Timonium venue, 27 members of Divining Rod's outstanding first crop went through the ring. His top seller was a \$100,000 colt out of Reappearance who was born and raised at Country Life/Merryland for owner/breeder Ken Lowe, Jr.

Country Life office manager Sallyellen Hurst sold her Divining Rod colt out of Happy Refrain for \$52,000. The colt is a 1/2-brother to G1-placed Brucia La Terra.

Divining Rod led all Mid-Atlantic stallions with a yearling average of \$24,258 (he stands for \$5,000 LF) with 24 of the 27 getting sold.

Another highlight was the Lord Nelson filly out of partnership mare Keep Right selling for \$70,000. The Country Life/Merryland team prepped 19 yearlings for this sale and all were sold, including a \$75,000 Maclean's Music colt for client Fred Gussin.



Divining Rod - Reappearance colt



Divining Rod - Happy Refrain colt



Lord Nelson - Keep Right filly



Maclean's Music - Je Suis Tizzy colt

Virtual Preakness Party a Success



This year has been different for everyone, but nowhere was it more evident for us than the week before Preakness. For six decades Country Life has hosted a Preakness Party on the Thursday before the race, welcoming the press, trainers, owners, breeders and even a few celebrities to the farm for good food and great pre-race conversation.

We didn't want to let a great tradition die this year, so instead we hosted a "Virtual" party with WBAL's Scott Wykoff hosting. We went live on our Facebook page and reminisced about some of the great parties of the past and what the Preakness means to Maryland.

As a fun way to get people to join us online that night, we had a contest to give away (2) tickets to the 2021 Preakness. To qualify, viewers just had to watch and comment on either the [Facebook Live video](#) or our [Preakness Gratitude video on our YouTube](#) page before post time on Preakness Saturday.

And the winner is...

Congrats to Elizabeth McCall Schoff who won two tickets to the 2021 Preakness! She was among the 100-some people who watched and commented on our Virtual Preakness Party video a few weeks ago, and her name was selected.

Elizabeth wrote "My Dad took us on Sunday drives in the 50's. I loved seeing the foals years later. Still do."

You can watch our non-scientific selection process we held just before our newsletter went to press, here on our You Tube channel: <https://youtu.be/IGSJlftntYY>

**Bill Quinn Sportsmanship Award Winner:
Al Fritz**



Congratulations to Al Fritz - this year's winner of the Bill Quinn Sportsmanship Award! Given annually to one of our partners who exhibits the best traits of sportsmanship in a sport with many ups and downs, Al was our unanimous pick this year. He's been in 40-some partnerships with us over the years, both breeding and racing. He lives in Florida with his wife Jeanette (an avid foal cam watcher) and they have visited the farms several times in years past. With COVID keeping everyone locked down this year he's been tuning in from home to all our videos and posts.

Thank you for being a great partner Al !

[\(Watch the award reveal video here\)](#)

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

MOSLER

FEARLESS IDEAS: 10/3 @ GULFSTREAM PARK WEST, Maiden (breeder University of MD, owner David Anderson)

MISS NONDESCRIPT: 10/24 @ LAUREL, \$100,000 MD Million Lassie Stakes

(owner/breeder Barak Farm)

FRIESAN FIRE

LA PERLA: 10/4 @ MOUNTAINEER, Maiden (breeder Harmony Farm/owner John Capellini)

AWSOME FAITH: 10/10 @ CHARLES TOWN, \$150,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic Stakes (breeder Roger Mattei, owner Jeffrey Allen)

ANNIKA GOLD: 10/18 @ LAUREL, SOC (breeder Richard Simoff, owner Rising Sun Racing Stable)

FIYA: 10/24 @ LAUREL, \$75,000 MD Million Turf Sprint Stakes (breeder Ann Merryman, owner Robert Masiello)

SUPER NINETY NINE

NO VENTI NO WAVY: 10/1 @ CHARLES TOWN, Maiden Special (breeder Charm City Racing, owner Designated Hitters Racing LLC)

BROODMARE LLC'S

BREEZE OFF THE BAY: Daughter of Bayern and Lawless Love won for the 2nd time in 3 starts at Delaware Park on 10/5.

TWIRLING WIND: Daughter of Twirling Candy and Miss Moonshine, won Allowance at Fort Erie on 10/13 for her 3rd lifetime victory.

FIFTEEN ROYALS: Daughter of Palace Malice and Fifteen Moons won Allowance at Laurel on 10/15 for her 3rd lifetime victory.

TARGE: Daughter of Will Take Charge and Curio won Maiden race at Laurel by 2-1/2 lengths on 10/29.

LIAM'S MISSY: Daughter of Liam's Map and Missy Rules won \$80,000 MSW at Belmont by 10-1/2 lengths in her 2nd start on 10/31.





Farm Visitation Policy

Please adhere to the following Covid-19 protocols when visiting:

Farms are Open from Monday through Saturday, Noon-to-3 p.m. by appointment through office (410-879-1952); on Saturday's, call General Manager Christy Holden's cell (410-808-1325). Thank you for your understanding.

- A sign-in sheet will be located at both farms.
- All visitors **MUST** wear face masks and practice social distancing.

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