

# Country Life Press



## December 2020 Newsletter

From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

Established 1933



### **\*New Offerings for Broodmares: Country Life's Evolution to Speed Graph Ratings (\*Spanish Point SOLD OUT; 3 Shares OPEN in STARR OF QUALITY and MISS MYSTIQUE)**



#### **STARR OF QUALITY:**

10% Shares in \$72,000  
Keeneland [Hip](#)  
[#1207](#) (\$7,200 per  
share): Ran a "6" in four  
races; won a \$100,000  
Santa Anita stakes;  
earned \$307,529. Due  
mid-March to [Bolt d'Oro](#)  
(\$25,000 fee); 22 first-  
crop wnlgs avg.  
\$93,136.



**MISS MYSTIQUE:** 10%  
shares in \$47,000  
Keeneland [Hip](#)  
[#1102](#) (\$4,700 per  
share). A NY Turf  
sprinter who ran a "7"  
on dirt, "8" in the mud.  
Stakes-placed. Earned  
\$258,283. Due February  
to Claiborne's [Catholic](#)  
[Boy](#) (\$25,000 fee).  
Covering sire avg. 19  
mares: \$152,210.



**(SOLD OUT)**

**SPANISH POINT:** 20% shares in \$15,000 purchase [[pedigree](#)] (\$3,000 a share): Ran a "10" to win \$75,000 Gulfstream stakes in 2nd career start; a "9" to win at Saratoga. Earned \$120,925. To be bred in 2021.

Black cats make black kittens. Fast mares make fast foals. Country Life purchased three speedy mares to add quality to our broodmare band. All three ran single digit Speed Graph figures.

Our goal: To produce Maryland-bred foals capable of winning the best races. They will need speed on the bottom line, high-octane blood on the top line. It all starts with fast mares. Grab a share of our new mares before they're all spoken for.

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## Country Life Partnership BELLA AURORA Booked to certain Horse-of-the-Year AUTHENTIC



Best laid plans in the horses business sometimes work out.

When Country Life bid \$87,000 to acquire Bella Aurora at the 2018 Timonium yearling sale, we divided her into 10 shares at \$8,700 each. The Virginia-bred daughter of Carpe Diem out of the Street Cry mare Street Interest had been accepted to the elite Saratoga sale, but a skin rash caused her to be withdrawn. Her powerful pedigree (her 1/2-brother by Nyquist brought \$500,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September sale), combined with her successful race record (she won the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes as a 2-year-old and placed in 4 other stakes, with earnings now near \$200,000) led to her acceptance in the first book of 2020 Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Authentic.

Bella Aurora's 10 partners unanimously agreed to each throw in \$7,500 towards Authentic's first-year stud fee of \$75,000. They each understand the "polarization" occurring in the breeding business. Stakes-winning young mares are gold, and must be managed accordingly to maximize their value.

Bella Aurora put up single digit Speed Graph ratings. She ran two consecutive **"9's"** and three **"10's."** She may have another race or two on her dance card before vaning to Kentucky in February for her date with Authentic.

Playing the breeding game at the top of the market, Country Life is following a pattern set by founder Adolphe Pons in the 1930s. He managed the career of two-time National Leading Sire Chance Play. Let's hope for Leading Sire success for Authentic, who stands at Spendthrift Farm alongside his father, Leading Sire Into Mischief. Country Life's long association with Spendthrift includes standing Malibu Moon in partnership at the storied Kentucky farm.

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## **Country Life Connections to Maryland Juvenile Filly and Colt Championships This Saturday, December 5th**

Tune in to Laurel's live streaming video of this Saturday's stakes: the \$100,000 Maryland Juvenile Futurity for colts, and the \$100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship. (Entries close Wednesday, Dec. 2)

Country Life's First-Crop sire Mosler, ranked No. 17 on the National Freshman Sire List, has both a colt and a filly who may take roles as favorites.

The Futurity will showcase Mosler's son Hello Hot Rod, a 1/2-brother to reigning Laurel queen Hello Beautiful (winner of 4 local stakes and \$300,000). Hello Hot Rod missed by a neck in his sprinting debut, then stretched out to seven furlongs (the Futurity distance) as the 3-5 favorite at Laurel on November 13. He ran a "7" in

winning by four lengths.

In the Filly Championship, Mosler's undefeated daughter Miss Nondescript will attempt to go 3-for-3 in her career. She ran a "7" in winning her Monmouth debut, then a "10" to win the \$100,000 Maryland Million Lassie on October 24. She is a Maryland-bred homebred for Charles Parker's Barak Farm of Lexington, Kentucky.

Country Life's Breeding Partnerships will also be on display. Shipping down from Belmont Park after a 10-length win in an \$80,000 Maiden Special event, Liam's Missy returns to her home state. Bred by Country Life and the Missy Rules LLC, Liam's Missy is a daughter of Liam's Map. Her maiden win was also at seven furlongs.

Country Life and the Curio LLC bred recent 4-length Laurel maiden winner Targe, a daughter of Will Take Charge. Targe is campaigned by Country Life's Kentucky bloodstock agent John Stuart and partners Jeff Amling and Charlie Noell.

Ever since the Maryland-bred program upped Breeders and Owners Awards in 2016, better and better Maryland-breds have been produced. It will certainly take a good horse to win either of the Maryland championships, so competitive are the Maryland-breds these days. All the more reason for Country Life and partners to continue to upgrade.

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## **FASIG-TIPTON December Mixed Sale Tuesday, Dec. 8th**

The one-day Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale begins at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, December 8, at Timonium. The catalog features in-foal broodmares, broodmare prospects, yearlings, weanlings, and a Horses-of-Racing-Age supplement.

Country Life is prepping 8 weanlings and 10 broodmares for the sale. Mosler, the top Freshman Sire in the Mid-Atlantic, has 3 weanlings catalogued, as does our exciting young Tapit son Divining Rod, sire of a \$100,000 yearling at Timonium in October.

Country Life is also offering a Maryland-bred colt by Grade 1 Metropolitan Handicap winner Mor Spirit. The weanling's 1/2-brother Russelldoingthings --- since being gelded in September --- has run two "7's", stakes-quality Speed Graph figures. The Mor Spirit weanling colt (link to [Hip 177](#)) and Russelldoingthings are out of the Corinthian mare Corinnaise (link to [Hip 63](#)), who is being sold in foal to Mosler.

Mark down Tuesday, Dec. 8, as a day to go Christmas shopping --- from your sofa if you'd like. On-line bidding is becoming a norm in this difficult year. Visit [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com) for information on attending in person or on-line.



Hip 160 - Freedom Child colt out of Beau's Trip



Hip 177 - Mor Spirit colt out of Corinnaise



Hip 178 - Divining Rod filly out of Courage to Change



Hip 186 - Divining Rod filly out of Easy Mover



Hip 189 - Divining Rod colt out of Final Humor



Hip 81 - Freedom Child colt out of Helen Louise



Hip 114 - Mosler colt out of Placentia



Hip 125 - Mosler colt out of Sagamoon

**Country Life Bred or Sired Winners**

## MOSLER

### Ranked No. 17 on First-Crop Sire List, 8 Winners including:

**NATTY BEAU:** 11/12 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder CLF & Estate of Mildred Wilson, owner Lee Christian)

**HELLO HOT ROD:** 11/13 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stable, owner BTR Racing Inc. & Dark Horse Racing LLC)

**KENS LADY:** 11/25 at CHARLES TOWN, Maiden (breeder Mrs. Glennie Martin, owner John Salzman, Sr.)

## FRIESAN FIRE

**ON FIRE:** 11/9 at MAHONING VALLEY, Claiming (breeder Golden Pedigree LLC, owner David Wolochuk)

**LOVE ON FIRE:** 11/9 at PARX, SOC and 11/25 at PARX, SOC (breeder Tom & Rebecca Finacchio, owner Charles Orfe)

**TIPSY MOOSE:** 11/18 at PENN, Claiming (breeder Elizabeth Houghton, owner Robert Derr)

**BROOK'S ON FIRE:** 11/25 at MOUNTAINEER, Claiming (breeder Porter Racing Stable, owner Erik Fadlovich)

## SUPER NINETY NINE

**STYLISH NINETY NINE:** 11/2 at MOUNTAINEER, Maiden (breeder Malibu Farm LLC, owner Michelle Helms)



## Farm Visitation Policy during COVID

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

**Farms are Open from Monday through Saturday, Noon-to-3 p.m. by appointment**

- A sign-in sheet will be located at both farms.

through office (410-879-1952); on Saturdays, call General Manager Christy Holden's cell (410-808-1325). Thank you for your understanding.

- All visitors **MUST** wear face masks and practice social distancing.

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