



# Country Life Press July 2021 Newsletter

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## Divining Rod's First Winners



Carnaval Conquest led from start to finish on debut in MSW at Fanduel Horse Racing & Sportsbook on 7/6



Mr. Mox went wire-to-wire at first asking in MSW at Pimlico on 7/11



Local Motive drew off to win by 4-1/4 lengths in his first start at Pimlico on 7/24



Petition Prayer was his first filly to win, scoring in a MSW at Pimlico on 7/30

Country Life's Freshman sire Divining Rod (by Tapit) has gotten off to a fast start with his first-crop runners in July. With 4 winners, including 3 debut wire-to-wire performances, from 9 starters he is currently ranked #16 on the North American First Crop Sire list.

The most recent winner was on Friday, July 30th at Pimlico in a \$52,900 Maiden Special Weight. Petition Prayer, an \$80,000 purchase from the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling sale last October by Patti Miller for Men's Grille Racing, made her 2nd start a winning one in tough company for trainer Hamilton Smith and jockey Charlie Marquez. Bred in Maryland by Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., the bay filly stalked the pace before grabbing the lead in the stretch and gamely holding off the highly-touted Malibu Moon filly Murph (trained by Brittany Russell). It was a Country Life Farm-foaled exacta, as both fillies were born here in 2019.

On Saturday, July 24th at Pimlico first-time starter Local Motive scored impressively in a 6-furlong, \$40,000 Waiver Maiden Claiming event to become the 3rd winner for Divining Rod. The gelding went to lead at the break, allowed a brief challenge from a rival down the backstretch and drew off in the stretch under a hand ride to win by 4-1/4. Bred by Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC and Bowman & Higgins Stable, the solid bay is owned by Bird Mobberley LLC and trained by John Salzman, Jr. at Timonium. Local Motive is entered in the \$100,000 Hickory Tree Stakes at Colonial on Monday, August 2nd.

Divining Rod's second winner was on the 11th of July at Pimlico, when the CLF/Glennie Martin homebred Mr. Mox won at first asking in a \$46,000 Maiden Special. He broke alertly and went to the lead in the 5 furlong race, gamely holding off the late charge from several rivals to win by a neck. He subsequently came back 10 days later to be 2nd in an Allowance at Delaware Park. Foaled and raised at Country Life and Merryland before being sold to Jamie Ness last year at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale, the handsome nearly-black gelding with a big blaze and white socks is out of the Wayne County mare Lady Krista.

Divining Rod's first winner came on July 6th with Carnaval Conquest at Fanduel Sportsbook & Horse Racing (formerly Fairmount Park). The 2-year-old colt broke sharply and never looked back, crossing the wire 5 lengths in front in the 4-1/2 furlong Maiden Special Weight. He was bred by Mary Obermier in Illinois from the Henny Hughes mare Queen Nine. Queen Nine had been owned by Ken & Sarah Ramsey and was sent to Country Life to be bred to Divining Rod as they liked his connection to their famous Kitten's Joy. She was then sold privately in foal.

Divining Rod already has over \$130,000 in progeny earnings from 9 starters to date. Watch for more from his first crop this summer and fall.

## Select Yearling Partnerships

Only a few shares remain in the yearlings we purchased at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale of Select Yearlings earlier this month. Click [here](#) to read more from Josh Pons about these three exciting young racing prospects.

**Click on their pictures for pedigree page links.**



Hip # 65 -\$55,000  
Collected - Playful Love colt  
\$5,500/share





Hip #73 - \$40,000  
Collected - Secret Kitten filly  
\$4,000/share



Hip #241 - \$90,000  
Malibu Moon - Occasionally colt  
\$9,000/share



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## Maryland Horse Breeders Annual Yearling Show this Sunday, Aug 1st



Come out to the Timonium Fairgrounds this Sunday, August 1st at 10:00 am to watch the future stars of racing on display in the show ring. The annual MHBA Yearling Show features the 2020 foal crop, now yearlings, competing in hand for prize money and ribbons.

The show will be judged this year by G1-winning conditioner Gary Contessa, a perennial leading trainer in New York who recently became a private trainer based out of Delaware Park. He'll be evaluating approximately 90 yearlings in the ring on Sunday, divided into classes for colts and fillies as well as Maryland-sired vs. out-of-state sired. With 20-30 yearlings in each class, he'll have his work cut out for him.

Country Life will be exhibiting 12 yearlings for both clients and our partnerships. If you can't come out to watch in person (admission is free and a food truck will be on site) you can watch a live broadcast on the MHBA's Facebook page: [Maryland TB](#)

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## Winners By Our Stallions

## **DIVINING ROD (\*first crop)**

**CARNAVAL CONQUEST:** 7/6 at FAN, Maiden (breeder Mary Obermier, owner GAB Secret Acres)

**MR. MOX:** 7/11 at PIM, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Mrs. Glennie Martin, owner Morris E. Kernan, Jr. and Jagger, Inc.)

**LOCAL MOTIVE:** 7/24 at PIM, Maiden (breeder Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC & Bowman and Higgins Stable; owner Bird Mobberley LLC)

**PETITION PRAYER:** 7/30 at PIM, Maiden (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd, owner Men's Grille Racing)

## **FRIESAN FIRE**

**FIYA:** 7/4 at BEL, Allowance (breeder Ann Merryman, owner Robert Masiello)

**BRAZILIAN BAY:** 7/6 at PENN, Claiming (breeder Elizabeth Houghton, owner Edward J. Madden)

**MY DEVILS CHILD:** 7/9 at PENN, Allowance (breeder Ed Madden, owner In or Out Stable)

**BERNIE'S ON FIRE:** 7/10 at PIM, Starter (breeder William Bayne, owner William Bayne & Super C Racing, Inc.)

**LA CHICA DE FUEGO:** 7/11 at CTM, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm, owner Riversedge Racing Stables Ltd)

**CEDAR RUN'S FIRE:** 7/16 at CT, Maiden (breeder Cleil W. Albrite, Jr., owner Ronney W. Brown)

**ON FIRE:** 7/16 at CMR, Claiming (breeder Golden Pedigree LLC, owner El Du-ra-ko Racing)

**EDISON FIRE:** 7/24 at AP, Claiming (breeder Corsair Holdings, owner Belmullet, LLC)

**BON FIRE DIVA:** 7/24 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Louis Carrico, owner Bell Gable Stable LLC)

## **MOSLER**

**PEPE AND HEYWOOD:** 7/2 at PIM, Maiden (breeder CLF & Sassy Molly LLC, owner P and H Stables & C and B Stables)

**FOOL YOURSELF:** 7/3 at PIM, Starter (breeder Marathon Farms, Inc., owner Robert D. Bone)

**UP FOR THE CHANCE:** 7/3 at PIM, Maiden (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., owner Double O Racing, Jack Hardin Towell, Jr. and Alan Griffen)

**CRACK THE SAFE:** 7/4 at PIM, Maiden (breeder/owner Steve & Shannon O'Neill's Clover Hill Farm, Inc.)

**ADMONISH:** 7/22 at WO, Maiden (breeder/owner William Thompson)

## **SUPER NINETY NINE**

**SUPER DONNA G:** 7/7 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Gregory Gordon, owner RJG Racing)

Management LLC)

**EQUUS NOVUS:** 7/14 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Spendthrift Farm, owner Sherry Kirk)

**BETTER YET:** 7/21 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm, owner Glen Gaddy)

**RIO ABAJO:** 7/28 at PID, Allowance (breeder Cynthia Darrah-Hipple, owner Sajor Stable)

**RIDING CLOUD NINE:** 7/30 at CT, Claiming (breeder/owner Dewayne C. Johnson)

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