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Malibu Moon

(Feb 23, 1997 - May 18, 2021)



A moment of reflection here for Malibu Moon, who died in his paddock at Spendthrift Farm on May 18, at age 24, of a heart attack.

A phenomenal stallion in every respect, Malibu Moon began his stud career at Country Life Farm as a 3-year-old colt in the year 2000. From that first book of 101 mares came 2004 California sensation Perfect Moon, winner of that year's Hollywood Juvenile Championship. From his second crop came 2004 Eclipse Champion Declan's Moon. Both Perfect Moon and Declan's Moon were Maryland-bred champions as well.

Country Life Farm, in partnership with Malibu Moon's breeder B. Wayne Hughes, relocated the rising super-sire to Kentucky for the 2005 breeding season with new partner Castleton Lyons Farm. Four years later, Malibu Moon became the first stallion to stand at stud in the modern-day rebirth of historic Spendthrift Farm.

Malibu Moon has sired (to date) 125 stakes winners, who've earned \$133,349,930 as of this writing, nine of whom earned more than \$1-million, led by 2013 Kentucky Derby winner Orb (\$2,612,516).

Mere statistics, mere numbers can never tell the story of how much Malibu Moon meant to everyone connected to him.

In the Winner's Circle



Partnership stakes-winning filly Virginia Beach proved that being off the turf on a muddy track wasn't a problem, as she splashed to a 2-1/4-length victory in a Delaware Park allowance on June 9th. The 4-year-old filly now has 3 wins and a third from 8 starts, including a win in the M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes last year, for earnings of \$101,880. Purchased at the OBS June 2019 2-year-old sale for \$20,000, the Twirling Candy filly out of the unraced El Prado mare Enterprise Beach was bred by Mr. & Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin in Virginia.

Trained by Michael Trombetta, the filly is pointing for the lucrative VA-bred races at Colonial Downs this summer. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in getting her to the winner's circle again.

Mosler: Leading 2nd Crop Sire outside of Kentucky



Turf, dirt, synthetic or mud --- the Moslers win on any surface.

Fort Moultrie (a Country Life-foaled homebred for Helen Alexander out of Lovely Moon, by Malibu Moon), broke his maiden on Turfway Park's all-weather surface, then scored his second lifetime win in an Allowance on the turf at Arlington Park on June 10th.

The next day, trainer Chris Kolb's homebred Mosley Natural made his racing debut a winning one in the slop at Charles Town. The 3-year-old came from off the pace in the 4-1/2 furlong sprint and blew by the field impressively, scoring by 3-1/2 lengths.

Mosler is the highest-ranked 2nd Crop Sire outside of Kentucky, currently at #15 on the National Sire List for sophomore sires..

Seeing Double?



It's a rarity in the Thoroughbred world to see a palomino, but Country Life Farm was graced with two beautiful golden-colored mares in June. One came from tragedy while the other comes with hope.

Lexi, a Quarter Horse-cross nursemaid, came to us after one of our partnership broodmares suffered a badly twisted colon and died a few hours after surgery to repair the damaged intestine. Lexi instantly took to the orphaned colt and they have been inseparable since.

Amber Empress is an unraced 3-year-old TB filly whose sire was a Palomino thoroughbred stallion and her dam is a winning El Prado mare. Her owner, Erana Shattock, is a small breeder in New Zealand who breeds rare, colored thoroughbreds for showing and racing. Looking to improve her racing bloodlines, she purchased this filly from her breeder in Tennessee last year with the plan to breed her to a son of Tapit in the U.S. (since that sireline has not made it to New Zealand or Australia as of yet).

In order to have the best chance for a colored foal she needed to find a bay son of Tapit, not grey (the grey gene would be dominant and dilute the colored genes from the mare). Finding an affordable, bay son of Tapit that had the race record and pedigree to improve her mare led her to Divining Rod. The mating will give her a 50% chance of getting a colored foal - either palomino or buckskin (she also has a 50% chance of producing a chestnut or bay). Erana plans to keep the mare in Maryland to foal next year as she may breed back to Divining Rod again until she gets a colored foal. Could she be on the Country Life foaling cameras next year? We'll have to wait and see...

May/June Foals

(click pictures for links to Ellen's galleries)

Astonishing Ariana -
Divining Rod filly
May 1st 2021 at 5:19 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Jann Anderson

Rysy -
Speightster filly
May 3rd 2021 at 5:09 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Charles Parker & Dean
Barber

Timeless Treasure -
Always Dreaming colt
May 4th 2021 at 12:33 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by R.D.M. Racing Stable

Your Flame In Me -
Divining Rod colt
May 7th 2021 at 8:08 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Your
Flame in Me LLC

Reappearance -
Divining Rod colt
May 11th 2021 at 9:14 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Ken Lowe, Jr.

Lady Krista -
Mosler filly
May 16th 2021 at 9:29 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Mrs. Glennie Martin

Arch Enemy -
Super Ninety Nine filly
May 16th 2021 at 10:27 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Charles Parker's Barak
Farm

Martini -
Maclean's Music colt
May 20th 2021 at 4:12 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Charles Parker's Barak
Farm

Apple Pie Baby -
Golden Lad filly
May 20th 2021 at 8:17 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Dreamtime Stable

Watrugonnadorosie -
Divining Rod colt
May 25th 2021 at 7:30 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm &
Watrugonnadorosie LLC

Two Stars -
Super Ninety Nine filly
May 27th 2021 at 4:57 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Mrs. Glennie Martin

Beau's Trip -
Divining Rod colt
June 2nd 2021 at 10:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Mrs.
Glennie Martin

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Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

FRIESAN FIRE

RIDGELYSREDHOT: 5/19 at PENN, Claiming (breeder Randy Ridgely & Gary Ridgely, owner Ron Potts)

EDISON FIRE: 6/18 at ARLINGTON, Claiming (breeder Corsair Holdings, owner Belmullet LLC)

RIVERS OF LITE: 6/24 at BELTERRA, Claiming (breeder Robert Clements, owner Blanca Salas)

FOREST FIRE: 6/25 at PIMLICO, Allowance (breeder/owner Shirley Lojeski)

LA CHICA DE FUEGO: 6/27 at CENTURY MILE, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm, owner Riversedge Racing Stables Ltd)

MOSLER

BANDITS WARRIOR: 5/23 at PIMLICO, 2 yo Maiden Special (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm)

WICKED HOT: 5/28 at PIMLICO, Maiden (breeder Randy Ridgely & Gary Ridgely, owner Francis X. Poggi & Greycross Stable LLC)

NATTY BEAU: 6/4 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Estate of Mildred Wilson, owner Herman Braude)

FORT MOULTRIE: 6/10 at ARLINGTON, Allowance (breeder/owner Helen C. Alexander)

MOSLEY NATURAL: 6/11 at CT, Maiden Special (breeder Nancy J. Kolb, owner Kolb Racing Stable)

FOOL YOURSELF: 6/18 at PIMLICO, Maiden (breeder Marathon Farms, owner Robert D. Bone)

WICKED HOT: 6/20 at PIMLICO, Allowance (breeder Randy Ridgely & Gary Ridgely, owner Francis X. Poggi & Greycross Stable LLC)

SUPER NINETY NINE

SUPER VALENTINE: 5/24 at TDN, Claiming (breeder Susan Wantz, owner Richard Genovese)

MISSIONSNINETYNINE: 5/27 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Taylor Mountain Farm)

SEBASTIAN: 5/29 at PIMLICO, Maiden (breeder/owner Mill Hill Stable LLC)

CATCH MY VIBE: 6/9 at PARX, Claiming (breeder CLF/Spendthrift Farm & Winding Creek Farm, owner HPI Stable)

RUM RUNNER RED: 6/11 at CT, Claiming (breeder A & B Bloodstock, owner A & B Racing Stable LLC)

WALK IT OUT NANNY: 6/12 at DEL, Claiming (bred by Dave Baxter, owner Wayward Farm)

RIO ABAJO: 6/15 at PENN, Allowance (breeder Cynthia Hipple, owner Sajor Stable)

NINE MARTINIS: 6/19 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm, owner Super C Racing)

RUBY PUNCH: 6/19 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Mrs. Glennie Martin, owner Donald & Lucy Churchill)

EQUUS NOVUS: 6/20 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Spendthrift Farm, owner Sherry Kirk)



Mosler's 3-year-old daughter Wicked Hot, bred in Maryland by Randy Ridgely and Gary Ridgely, reeled off her second win in 3 starts at Pimlico on June 20th.

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