



# Country Life Press October 2021 Newsletter

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## WHAT A WEEK:

In New York, Country Life's Freshman stallion DIVINING ROD sires 12-length Maiden Special Weight debut winner at Belmont Park, while in Kentucky, Country Life acquires \$100,000 Gun Runner Yearling Filly out of mare by Malibu Moon for our LLC's.



Dazzy, by Divining Rod

NYRA photo

The Leading Freshman Sire outside of Kentucky this year is Divining Rod, owned by a syndicate of Country Life, the Lael Stable of Gretchen and Roy Jackson, and Gainesway Farm. His 11th winner is the Maryland-bred filly DAZZY, bred by the late Robert T. Manfuso at his Chanceland Farm and sold for \$30,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale.

Trained by Tim Hills, DAZZY dazzled the Belmont field in her debut, drawing away for a facile win in the rich \$70,000 purse for this maiden event ([click for race replay](#)).

Divining Rod's pedigree and past performances bode well for his success as a stallion. He lost a head-bob decision to Connect in the Gr. 1 Cigar Mile, and his dam is a multiple G1-winner and 3/4-sister to Leading Sire Kitten's Joy.

Look for Divining Rod offspring to excel as they mature. He won the Gr. 3 Lexington Stakes at 3, almost won the Cigar Mile at 4, and took the \$100,000 Polynesian Stakes at 5, retiring to stud with earnings of \$882,604.

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### **\$100,000 GUN RUNNER YEARLING FILLY FROM FASIG KENTUCKY OCTOBER**

Quick "sell-outs" of three Malibu Moon yearling colt offerings prompted us to fly to Kentucky this week for another offspring of the deceased super-sire who started his career here at Country Life.

Instead, we came home with a Gun Runner filly out of a stakes-winning Malibu Moon mare. That's the way sales go. One door closes, another opens.

Country Life clients tracking on-line Sales Results act quickly. They know Country Life buys the first 10% share of our 10-share LLC's; and no markup is imposed from what Country Life pays at auction to the farm's Offering price. It is simple and transparent. Many partners watch what we buy and send a quick e-mail to hold a share, pending their review.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 27th, we signed the ticket at \$100,000 for [Hip #1181](#), a flashy Gun Runner filly out of the stakes-winning Malibu Moon mare Dress the Part (*click her picture above for walking video*). By noon on Thursday, the filly was "sold out."

Gun Runner ([link](#)) is the hottest stallion in the land. His 2021 fee of \$50,000 was increased by \$75,000 for the 2022 season. At \$125,000 now, Gun Runner is already booked full for next spring. He is the sire of 4 graded stakes winners in his first crop, and will have favorites in both the Breeders' Cup 2-year-old races next weekend.

Malibu Moon rose to elite status as a sire with 130 stakes winners, but his lasting legacy may rest with his success as a broodmare sire. Already he has 56 daughters who have produced stakes winners such as Stellar Wind, who defeated Beholder and then sold at auction for \$6-million.

If you got shut out of our recent Offerings, we are doing our homework for the upcoming mixed sales in Kentucky in November. Touch base with us about your interests. We sell three stakes winners ---Bella Aurora in foal to Horse-of-the-Year Authentic, Spanish Point in foal to Vekoma, and racing/broodmare prospect Virginia Beach --- at Fasig-Tipton's Night of the Stars sale on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

We'll also be shopping for young broodmares in foal to popular Kentucky stallions at the Keeneland November Sale. Past purchases from this sale include stakes-winner Starr of Quality (in foal to Bolt d'Oro then and now pregnant to Gun Runner) and stakes-placed Miss Mystique (in foal to Catholic Boy and bred back to Global Campaign this year).

Get on our list now for a share in our next mare.

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## Yearling Sale Season Recap



Hip # 287

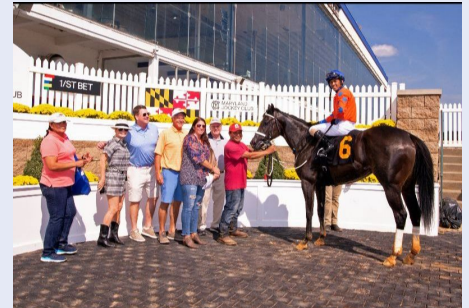
'20 Dialed In - Basedonatruestory - colt

Quality proved popular yet again at the yearling sales this year. Country Life bought and sold quite a few yearlings in October and the market was strong for both buyers and sellers. The month started off with the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in Timonium, where Country Life prepped a dozen yearlings and all were sold. The highlight was the Dialed In colt out of Basedonatruestory who sold for \$95,000. The colt was bred by Country Life and partners in the Basedonatruestory LLC after we purchased the mare with him in-utero for \$16,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February Mixed Sale in 2020. The handsome grey was a balanced, athletic individual who had a great walk and showed better and better each day of the sale. We sold nine other partnership-bred yearlings for gross sales of over \$200,000.

We also bid on a few yearlings, and came away from the sale with not one but 2 colts by Malibu Moon. The first, a MD-bred colt out of the Not For Love mare Apple Pie Baby, was purchased for \$45,000. Nearing the end of the sale in the Supplemental Catalog, we went to \$95,000 for a KY-bred colt out of stakes-producing mare Double Harbor. Both colts sold out quickly and are in training at Merryland Farm.

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## Partnership Winner



Partnership filly Sunshineanrainbows got her maiden win at Laurel on October 3rd. The Mosler filly was making her 2nd start under Victor Carrasco and stalked the pace in second before driving to the lead in the stretch to win by a length. We're looking forward to another good race from her soon.

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## Winners By Our Stallions



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

**SPECIAL BEAM:** 10/7 at DEL, Maiden (breeder/owner Armand DeLaPerriere Stables LLC)

**SWEET TALIA:** 10/14 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder CLF & Imagistic II LLC; owner Herman Braude)

**RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY:** 10/27 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Robert D. Bone and Edward J. Brown, Jr)

**DAZZY:** 10/29 at BELMONT, Maiden (breeder Robert T. Manfuso; owner Tee N Jay Stable)

### **FRIESAN FIRE**

**RIVERS OF LITE:** 9/30 at BTP, Claiming (breeder Robert Clements; owner Blanca Salas)

**RIVERS OF LITE:** 10/12 at TDN, Claiming (breeder Robert Clements; owner El Du-ra-ko Racing)

**LOVE ON FIRE:** 10/13 at PARX, Claiming (breeder Thomas & Rebecca Finacchio; owner Charles Orfe)

### **MOSLER**

**NATTY BEAU:** 10/2 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Estate of Mildred Wilson, owner Herman M. Braude)

**SUNSHINEANRAINBOWS:** 10/3 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Wes Carter; owner CLF & Sunshineanrainbows LLC)

**MOSLER'S TOUCH:** 10/7 at CT, Maiden (breeder Becky Davis and Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman; owner Three M's Racing)

**WHO'S YOUR DADDY:** 10/14 at CT, Maiden (breeder No Guts No Glory Farm; owner Diana McClure)

**DEPOSITORY:** 10/16 at LAUREL, Allowance (breeder/owner Hope Haskell Jones)

**HEIR PORT:** 10/20 at DEL, Claiming (breeder New Farm; owner SAB Stable)

**JORDON REIGN'S:** 10/23 at CAY(Jamaica), Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables LLC; owner Wayne Dacosta)

**DONTCROSSFUZZY:** 10/29 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin, Jr.; owner Haines Brothers Racing Stables LLC and Megan Salzman)

### **SUPER NINETY NINE**

**BE BOP A LOLA:** 10/6 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Spendthrift Farm; owner Donald & Lucy Churchill)

**MISSIONSNINETYNINE:** 10/23 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Taylor Mountain Farm)

**WIND NINETY NINE:** 10/31 at GP, Maiden (breeder/owner Baoma Corporation)

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