



# Country Life Press December 2021 Newsletter

From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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## Looking Back at 2021... We Can't Wait for 2022

Despite all the uncertainties and racing cancellations in 2021, Country Life Farm's racing and breeding partnerships had a pretty good year.

It started with a bang when Bella Aurora won the January 18th Interborough Stakes at Aqueduct. We then whisked her off to the breeding shed for a date with Authentic, and she sold at the Fasig-Tipton November "Night of Stars" sale for \$300,000.

Our racing stable earned the most money since 2008, finishing 2021 with \$523,000 in earnings. The breeding partnerships were also rewarded with breeder bonuses totaling almost \$158,000 from the various MD-bred foals they've produced.

We concentrated on quality over quantity in 2021, buying impressive young racing prospects by Gun Runner, Malibu Moon and Collected and breeding mares to popular stallions like Gun Runner, Liam's Map, Jimmy Creed, Bolt d'Oro, Omaha Beach and Global Campaign. And we have the Mid-Atlantic's leading young sires in Mosler and Divining Rod who will be well represented in our foaling barn this spring.

2022 should be an exciting year indeed. A few select shares are still available in some partnerships, so give us a call if you'd like to join us in this exciting sport.

# NEW MD-Bred Incentives Announced

## Bigger and better INCENTIVES to breed, foal and buy Maryland-breds!

ALL MARYLAND-BRED BONUSES APPLY TO REGISTERED MARYLAND-BREDS ONLY

Effective January 1, 2022 for horses running in Maryland

### BREEDER BONUSES

#### Maryland-breds born prior to 2023

**30%** Breeder Bonus on earned purses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on all overnight races  
**10% ADDITIONAL** for Maryland-sired Maryland-bred maiden winners on earned purses

**10%** Stallion Bonus on earned purses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on all overnight races

#### For Maryland-bred foals of 2023 TIERED BREEDER BONUS SYSTEM

(foals conceived in 2022; 2-year-olds of 2025)

**35%** Breeder Bonus for Maryland-sired Maryland-breds on earned purses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on all overnight races  
**25%** Breeder Bonus for out-of-state-sired Maryland-breds on earned purses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on all overnight races  
**10%** Stallion Bonus on earned purses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on all overnight races

*10% Breeder Bonus percentages estimated. For Maryland-breds born in 2022, bonus money on earned purses will be 40% since for Maryland-breds those out-of-state-sired. Stallions must be registered with MBRF.*

#### BONUS PERCENTAGES ON STAKES

for stakes in Maryland

**BREED  
FOAL  
RACE**  
In Maryland

**30%** Breeder bonuses paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on earned purses  
**10%** Stallion bonuses paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on earned purses

*Stakes capped at \$100,000. Maryland Million Day over pay 15% Breeder bonuses, 5% Stallion Bonuses for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on earned purses. Stallions must be registered with the Maryland Blood Race Fund.*



All the proceeds of the MD Thoroughbred Race Fund, the MBRF, is administered by Maryland Horse Breeders Association, 322 Main St., Beltsville, MD 21113 • 410-292-2100 • MarylandThoroughbred.com  
*Bonus and stallion award percentages are determined by the annual meeting of the MBRF.*

### IT PAYS TO RACE Maryland-breds In Maryland

#### OWNER/DEVELOPER BONUSES

##### 15% OWNER BONUS

SHARE OF PURSE

On all open overnight races for Maryland-bred horses finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Paid as part of the purse, included in typical owner earnings and are reflected in horse's Equibase earnings.

##### 15% DEVELOPER BONUS

SHARE OF PURSE

On all open overnight races for Maryland-bred horses finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Developer is the owner of the horse in its first career start.

Bonuses will continue to be paid to the Developer throughout the horse's racing career, regardless of how many times ownership changes, unless the horse changed hands prior to start of the program on January 22, 2021. Developer bonuses are NOT paid as part of the purse, therefore not reflected in horse's Equibase earnings. Bonuses will be paid monthly by Horsemen's Bankkeeper by check after races are released by the stewards.

Owner and Developer bonuses are funded by Maryland Thoroughbred Purse Account. Program is administered by Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

### UPDATED WAIVER MAIDEN CLAIMING

**\$40,000 Waiver Maiden Claiming**

MD-bred and/or MD-sired horses may waive the claiming price

**\$25,000 Waiver Maiden Claiming**

MD-sired horses only may waive the claiming price.



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## Big Future for DIVINE HUNTRESS



With 17 first-crop winners as 2021 draws to a close, Divining Rod's success at stud looks well under way. His daughter Divine Huntress, who won a Maiden Special Weight at Parx on December 13th by daylight, looks to be a rising star for her Freshman Sire.

Bred in Maryland by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Bowman, Ricky Buckley and Joshua Dreiband, she raced in the name of her trainer Rick Buckley's Long Valley Stables LLC. After a 3rd place debut, where she came running at the end at Laurel, all eyes were on her for her second start where she was favored at Parx. Trainer Graham Motion had a nice filly in that race as well, and when Divine Huntress beat her soundly Graham picked up the phone and called Eclipse Thoroughbreds to tell them they "needed to buy the filly that beat him".

A few days later, a deal was done and the filly shipped to Graham Motion's barn at Fair Hill. She might be headed to the Busanda Stakes at Aqueduct next, so watch for her in the future.

## Winners By Our Stallions



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

**DIVINE HUNTRESS:** 12/13 at PARX, Maiden Special (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky L. Buckley & Joshua Dreiband; owner Long Valley Stables LLC)

**DONTFORGETTOBLINK:** 12/26 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Cordelia Stables; owner John Salzman, Jr., Fred Wasserloos and Anthony Geruso)

### **MOSLER**

**LEAVE 'EM LOADED:** 12/17 at PENN, Maiden (breeder Kathleen Willier; owner Larry Metz)

### **SUPER NINETY NINE**

**BETTER YET:** 12/1 at PENN, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Glencragga Stables)

**SUPER DONNA G:** 12/15 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Greg Gordon; owner Richard Wukich)

**MAID THE JOURNEY:** 12/17 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Bell Gable Stable LLC)

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