



# Country Life Press January 2022 Newsletter

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## Country Life Farm 2022 Stallion Roster



**Divining Rod**



**Mosler**

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In deference to the times (a month of biting cold and pernicious Covid), Country Life produced a Virtual Stallion Show (link [here](#)) instead of hosting our annual show "in-person." To our delight, 1,000 virtual visitors have arrived on-line beginning with our launch on Saturday, January 22.

Guests have expressed appreciation of our efforts, and reservations for seasons have streamed in. Humorously, a frequent comment relates to missing out on Country Life's famous "cream-of-crab soup" menu, and our family-farm hospitality.

Parading on the screen are the trio of Country Life's select stallions: Tapit's emerging super-son **DIVINING ROD** (21 winners from 44 first-crop starters, almost 50%); War Front's versatile young son **MOSLER**, (battling for Leading Sire status in the state); and A. P. Indy's stalwart son and one-time Kentucky Derby favorite **FRIESAN FIRE**, whose Gr. 1-winning son ARMY MULE will have his first crop running in 2022.

Our stallion videos were recorded by Thad Keston of Hammond Communications Group, Lexington, Ky. The Maryland Horse Breeders Association is sponsor of state-wide stallion videos, capitalizing on recent stimulus to breed locally---to raise and race foals sired by Maryland stallions (see article below). New Maiden bonuses. New stakes bonuses. New Developer bonuses. New Waiver races.

These refreshing and lucrative new awards have immediately attracted out-of-state mares to Maryland farms: to produce more Maryland-breds for Maryland racetracks (a paramount goal of slot-machine stimulus) while keeping more home mares "at home," and not on vans to Kentucky.

Visit our state-of-the-art, regularly updated website to learn more about our stallions ([www.countrylifefarm.com](http://www.countrylifefarm.com)). Or click each stallion's photo above to go directly to their 2022 *Bloodhorse* Stallion Register page.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to visit our stallions in-person. Simply call the farm office at 410-879-1952, or reach us on our mobile phones:

- Josh Pons: 443-807-0644
- Mike Pons: 410-459-8517; or
- Christy Holden: 410-808-1325

## It Pays to Breed and Race in Maryland

### 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-bred 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

2023 Breeder Bonus percentages increased. For Maryland-bred horses in 2023, bonus money on earned purses will be 40% more for Maryland-bred horses than 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.

#### 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 Bookkeeper 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



All the conditions of the MBRF Terms, Conditions, and Regulations are available on Maryland Horse Breeders Association, 32 Main St., Baltimore, MD 21136 • 410-252-2100 • MarylandHorseBreeders.com  
Breeders and breeders' representatives are encouraged to contact the MBRF.



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Incentives effective January 1, 2022:

\*For stakes races: breeder bonuses increase to 30%; stallion bonuses increase to 10% (paid 1st-thru-3rd).

\*Maryland-bred Maiden winners SIRED by Maryland stallions earn an additional 10% breeder bonus (when added to the existing 30% award raises the bonus to 40%).



\*For foals conceived beginning with this season (2022), a "tiered" breeder bonus system will reward 40% more for Maryland-breds who are SIREd by Maryland stallions. (Refer to details from the Maryland-Bred Race Fund).

In addition, the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and the Maryland Jockey Club have enabled owners of Maryland-breds to waive the claiming option at the \$25,000 Maiden Claiming level: But only for Maryland-breds SIREd by Maryland stallions.

Creation of the "Developer Bonus" last year rewards the person who gets a horse to the races. The listed owner of a Maryland-bred "in its first start" is considered the "Developer," and receives a 15% bonus whenever, and thereafter, that horse finishes first, second, or third in any open overnight race at a Maryland track. Even if that horse gets claimed, the Developer will continue to receive the 15% bonus.

Legislators in Annapolis want to see positive results from their support of the Maryland horse industry. A rising Maryland-bred foal crop is the most significant sign of growth. Let's go. Let's grow.

## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners



Divine Huntress, by Divining Rod



Joe Mike Jim, by Mosler

### DIVINING ROD

***DIVINING STAR: Jan. 10***, Hipodromo Camarero, Maiden.

Bred by Country Life, Divining Rod Syndicate, & Luisa Cuprill (Pa.)

Owned by: C.A. Cuprill Stable

***LIVING WATER: Jan. 14***, Gulfstream, \$43,000 Maiden.

Bred by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jackson (Ky.)

Owned by: Daniel L. Walters

***LOOSE ENDS: Jan. 19***, Parx, \$34,000 Maiden.

Bred by: Gregory & Caroline Bentley (Pa.)

Owned by: Runnymore Racing LLC

***DIVINE HUNTRESS: Jan. 19***, Parx, \$50,000 Allowance.

Bred by: Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky L. Buckley & Joshua Dreiband (Md.)

Owned by: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Long Valley Stables LLC

**CAMELIA ROD: Jan. 20.** Laurel, \$32,000 Maiden.

Bred by: Country Life Farm & Atlantic Tide LLC (Md.).

Owned by: Jose M. Gallegos

## **MOSLER**

**WATERWORKS: Jan. 7.** Oaklawn Park, \$100,000 Allowance

Bred by: Wes Carter (Md.)

Owned by: Clark O. Brewster

**MOONSAFE: Jan. 14.** Penn National, \$28,000 Allowance

Bred by: Country Life Farm & Fifteen Moons LLC (Md.)

Owned by: Richard Dancock

**GHOST MAIDEN: Jan. 16.** Laurel, \$50,000 Allowance

Bred by: Country Life Farm & Grecian Maiden LLC (Md.)

Owned by: Sheffield Stable LLC

**JORDON REIGN'S: Jan. 15.** Caymanas Park, Allowance

Bred by: Hillwood Stables LLC (Md.)

Owned by: Everton St. Clare Campbell

**JOE MIKE JIM: Jan. 21.** Laurel, \$60,000 Maiden

Bred by: Country Life Farm & Laura's Moon LLC (Md.)

Owned by: Lugamo Racing Stable LLC

**RESPONSE TIME: Jan. 28.** Laurel, \$43,000 Starter

Bred by: Country Life Farm (Md.)

Owned by: Mens Grille Racing

## **COUNTRY LIFE PARTNERSHIP-BRED WINNERS (in addition to above):**

**SUPER HOUDINI (by Super Ninety Nine)** on 1/11 at Penn, Maiden win (co-bred with Cliff & Mary Cornwell)

**BETTER YET (by Super Ninety Nine)** on 1/12 at Penn, Claiming win (bred by CLF)

**SUPER HOUDINI (by Super Ninety Nine)** on 1/25 at Penn, Claiming win (co-breed with Cliff & Mary Cornwell)

**RUN LAURA RUN (by Overanalyze)** on 1/28 at Penn, Maiden win (bred by our Laura's Moon LLC)

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**Ready for Foaling Season**



## First foals are on the ground at Country Life!

**Foaling  
Webcam**

Tune in to our live foaling webcam each evening to catch the action (click link at right)! Next month we'll have photos of all the January foals.



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