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DIVINING ROD'S "LOCAL MOTIVE" wins \$100,000 Miracle Wood Stakes



LOCAL HERO ON TRIPLE CROWN PATH

What a freight train is LOCAL MOTIVE. The bay son of Country Life's 2021 freshman sire DIVINING ROD has earned \$234,000 to date, including his gritty win in the Feb. 19, \$100,000 Miracle Wood Stakes at Laurel. He could be one of Maryland's leading candidates for this year's \$1-million Preakness Stakes, should he run well in either the \$100,000 Private Terms Stakes in March or the \$125,000 Federico Tesio Stakes in April at his home base of Laurel.

LOCAL MOTIVE won his debut last summer at Pimlico, then scored in the \$100,000 Hickory Tree Stakes at Colonial Downs just nine days later. He ran third in the \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery Stakes in October, then won the \$100,000 James F. Lewis II Stakes against open company in November.

LOCAL MOTIVE was bred by Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC, and Bowman and Higgins Stable. He was purchased privately by Bird Mobberley, is trained by John Salzman, Jr., and his regular rider is J.D. Acosta.

Congratulations to all of his connections. We wish them all the best of racing luck throughout this year's campaign.

PONY RACING COMES TO MERRYLAND



KEEPING THE KIDS INVOLVED

Country Life's 5-furlong training track at Merryland Farm played host to a clinic on Sunday, Feb. 27, in which about 30 young riders channeled their inner jockey. Among the youngsters were children of Laurel jockeys J.D. Acosta (rider of LOCAL MOTIVE) and Yomar Ortiz. Many of the young riders had no family connection to horses but fell in love with riding simply through lessons.

Grownups and children alike were thrilled to be on a real racetrack, harrowed and conditioned to perfection as it is every day for the two dozen horses-in-training at Merryland. Through the encouragement of engaged grownups, these junior riders took their skills out of the show ring and into cross country and into the basics of race riding, through which they develop confidence and become well-rounded riders.

Popularity of pony racing in the United States is aided by the efforts of U.S. Pony Racing's Regina Welsh and her background with Shetland ponies at Olney Farm, located two miles down Old Joppa Road from Country Life.

Welsh founded the U.S. Pony Racing organization to make race riding accessible to junior riders (under age 16) of all skill levels, from lead-line to foxhunters. Her efforts enhance the broader sport of horse racing in the United States.

[Click the pictures below for a link to Ellen Pons' gallery with more photos from the day:](#)



RETOOLED BROODMARE BAND FOR 2022

The market demand for quality over quantity is clear. Country Life added fresh young bloodlines to our broodmare band through last fall and this winter. We purchased first-rate runners such as stakes winner MISS NONDESCRIPT and allowance standout FIFTEEN ROYALS for our home stallions, while also ramping up our presence in Kentucky with select middle-market broodmare acquisitions. Here's a summary of our 2022 plans:

INDEXATION (6yo by Malibu Moon), in foal to Liam's Map. Booked to Improbable for 2022.

Partners: Country Life Farm, Tim Burr, Bob Goldman, Jim Guidera & Dave McKenney, JoAnn Hayden, Dave Johnson, Mike Sniffen, Kirk Wycoff, and Bob & Donna Walsh.

MAKE AMENDS (8yo by Malibu Moon), foaled a colt by Maclean's Music on 2/8. Booked to Yaupon for 2022.

Partners: Country Life Farm, Peter Bloom, John & Marcia Courson, Kevin Edwards, Jim Guidera & Dave McKenney, Christa Locallo, David Nathans, Melanie Sabelhaus and Pat & Becky Shepherd.

MISS NONDESCRIPT (4yo by Mosler), winner 2019 Maryland Million Lassie Stakes. Booked to Divining Rod for 2022.

Partners: Country Life Farm, Jane Anderson-Coffey, Denise Burbary-Muston, Dave Callan, Jim Guidera & Dave McKenney, Rod Hocker, Carol Holden, Debra McSweeney, Mark Ronsini, and Ken Yingling.

FIFTEEN ROYALS (6yo by Palace Malice). Booked to Divining Rod for 2022.

Partners: CLF, Dave Gleason, John Stuart, Lucy Howard and Ann Laskodi.

Other mares in our broodmare band include:

Basedonatruestory (by Broken Vow)., In foal to Malibu Moon, due 3/28.

Fifteen Moons (by Malibu Moon). In foal to Omaha Beach, due 4/30.

Getting Lucky (by Pioneerof the Nile). Maiden booked to Bolt d'Oro.

Grecian Maiden (by Ghostzapper). In foal to Mor Spirit, due 3/22.

Laura's Moon (by Malibu Moon). Foaled a colt by Bolt d'Oro on 1/12, bred to Known Agenda for 2023.

Lunar Rille (by English Channel). Foaled a colt by Bolt d'Oro on 1/29, booked back to Bolt d'Oro for 2022.

Miss Mystique (by Teuflesberg). Foaled a filly by Global Campaign on 1/14, booked to Bolt d'Oro for 2022.

Missy Rules (by Peace Rules). In foal to Liam's Map, due 4/9.

Moon Vision (by Pollard's Vision). Foaled a colt by Jimmy Creed on 2/17, booked to Mo Town for 2022.

Playful Love (by Tapit). Booked to Higher Power for 2022.

Starr of Quality (by First Dude). In foal to Gun Runner, due 3/31, booked to Audible for 2022.

January Foals

**Laura's Moon -
Bolt D'Oro colt**

January 12th at 10:55 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Mike
Stone

**Miss Mystique -
Global Campaign Filly**

January 14th at 8:10 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss
Mystique LLC

**Lunar Rille -
Bolt D'Oro colt**

January 29th 2022 at 11:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Lunar
Rille LLC

**Requesting -
Global Campaign colt**

January 30th 2022 at 9:24 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Charles Parker's Barak
Farm

Will Do - Mosler filly

January 31st 2022 at 2:09 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Nick & Delora Beaver's
Bell Gable Stable

Foaling Webcam

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners



DIVINING ROD

JASONTAKESLONG: 2/3 at CT, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & As Long as Ittakes LLC; owner Timothy Freitag)

EMMA DEVINE: 2/6 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder St. Augustine Manor, LLC; owner Warwick Stable)

LOCAL MOTIVE: 2/19 at LAUREL, \$100,000 Miracle Wood Stakes (breeder Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC & Bowman and Higgins Stable; owner Bird Mobberley LLC)

DIVINING STAR: 2/26 at CMR (PR), Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm, Divining Rod Syndicate & Luisa Cuprill; owner C.A. Cuprill Stable)

MOSLER

WHATCHASAIID: 2/4 at LAUREL, Starter (breeder/owner Wendy Komlo)

LA RUFINA: 2/5 at CT, Claiming (breeder Julie Calvert; owner Cristina V. Mosby)

RESPONSE TIME: 2/11 at LAUREL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Mens Grille Racing)

MOCEPHUS: 2/11 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder David Baxter; owner Narrow Leaf Farm)

SUNSHINEANRAINBOWS: 2/12 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Wes Carter; owner Country Life Farm & Sunshineanrainbows LLC)

MOSLER'S TOUCH: 2/17 at CT, Claiming (breeder Rebecca Bowman Davis and Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman; owner Christopher P. Bragg)

PEPE AND HEYWOOD: 2/25 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Sassy Molly LLC; owner Manuel Sepulveda and Maria Isabel Rodriguez)

BLUEBERRY INDYGO: 2/25 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder/owner Angelinos Racing LLC)

FRIESAN FIRE

GALLINELLA: 2/3 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Germania Farm, owner H. Neil Glasser)

GRANDFIRE: 2/23 at PENN, Claiming (breeder Burning Daylight Farm; owner Class Personified Stable)

HOT CHOICE: 2/27 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Skeedattle Associates; owner C. Herbert Howard)

Virtual Stallion Show

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