



# Country Life Press April 2022 Newsletter

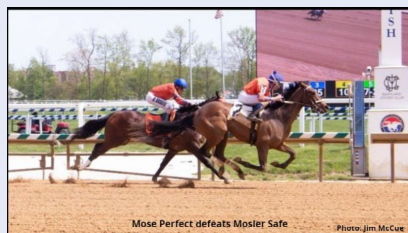
*From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*

Established 1933



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## Mosler Sires Laurel Exacta for Country Life Racing Partnerships



As two sets of orange and blue silks atop a pair of game racehorses flew down the stretch at Laurel on Saturday, April 30, we couldn't lose no matter the finish---as Country Life sire Mosler was the daddy of both horses. At the wire, Country Life Racing Partnerships celebrated a rare and exciting 1-2 finish, with Mose Perfect besting Mosler Safe by three-quarters of a length. Both runners are conditioned by Maryland's own Mike Trombetta.

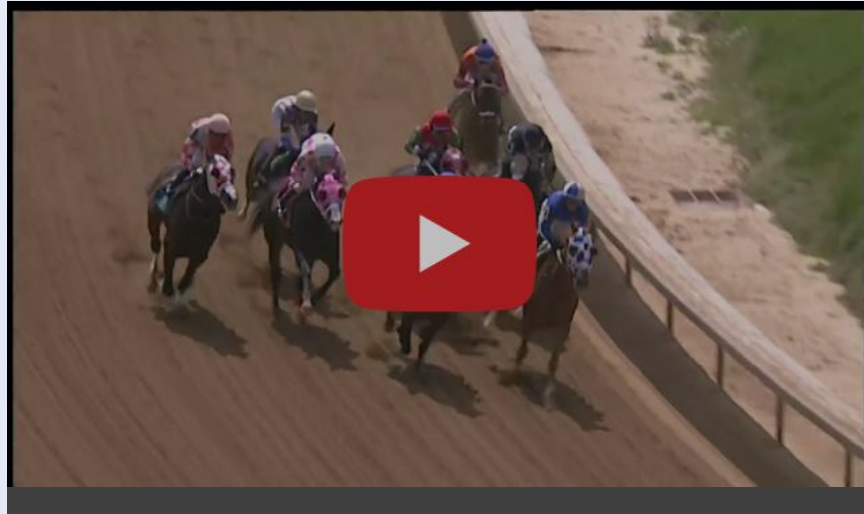
Mose Perfect, bred in Maryland by savvy Kentucky horseman Charles Parker and purchased for \$15,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale by Country Life, made his debut a dramatic one.

Broken at Merryland before getting Virginia-Certified with Chris Kolb at the Middleburg Training Center, both horses had come off a series of steady breezes at our Merryland Training Center and at Laurel with Trombetta. Mose Perfect broke well from the No. 2 Post, but dropped back to second-to-last and appeared to be no threat to his front-running stablemate, Mosler Safe, who sped out to take the lead turning for home.

That's the moment when Mose Perfect launched his late bid. Jockey Jose Bracho swung him out to have clear run around the bunched pack on the front end. Mosler Safe began to draw away as Mose Perfect came 5-wide out of the turn. The two battled it out down the stretch, with Mose Perfect just edging clear.

We couldn't have asked for a better outcome than being 1-2 with our farm-

sired, Merryland-trained colorbearers. Congratulations to all of our partners who attended the race, and to Trombetta's Laurel staff, captained by Tana Aubrey.



## THIS DAY IN FARM HISTORY

From the Eclipse Award-winning book

*Country Life Diary*, by Josh Pons

**APRIL 30, 1989**

*(\*the same day in April as the Maryland Hunt Cup was run this year)*

From a vantage spot at the 17th-fence of the Maryland Hunt Cup, Ellen took a photo of a rider standing vertical in the irons, his horse captured in the moment before liftoff---like being strapped to a rocket. You could make a bronze of the photo and nobody would believe it was an actual pose.

Fans dashed across a mulch-covered road to witness the drama at the 13th-fence, then ran in their Wellingtons and greasecoats back to the snow-fenced homestretch to cheer the finish. Rabid behavior---like newsreel clips of the Pimlico infield during the match race between Seabiscuit and War Admiral in 1938, 20 miles and 67 (*now 84*) years from here.

They've been running the Hunt Cup for a hundred years (*now 125*). You have to be crazy as a stunt pilot to ride in it. It's the most beautiful race in the world.

Same as it ever was, the personality of life with horses in Maryland, in April---a series of unbroken gestures.

## POPULAR NEW AWARDS FOR MARYLAND-BRED STEEPLECHASERS



Brett Owings aboard Rocket Star Red

### INCENTIVES FOR OWNING AND BREEDING MARYLAND-BRED STEEPLECHASERS

#### SECOND CAREERS FOR FLAT RUNNERS GOING OVER JUMPS

This spring's timber season in Maryland marks the first time that steeplechase horses are earning Maryland-bred awards. Earlier this year, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association voted unanimously to begin an award program for Breeder, Owner and Stallion bonuses (on the familiar model in place at Laurel, Pimlico and Timonium) for registered Maryland-breds at sanctioned steeplechase race meets in the state.

Maryland-bred horses that run first, second or third are now receiving 30 percent on purses earned at five National Steeplechase Association meets: My Lady's Manor, Grand National, Maryland Hunt Cup, Fair Hill, and Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs. Once again, the Maryland horse industry pioneers a ground-breaking idea, adding residual value to Maryland-breds who can compete for years on the jumping circuits.

Close to home: We shared in the pride of the steeplechase season on April 23 when Merryland Training Center exercise rider Brett Owings guided 7-year-old Maryland-bred gelding Road to Oz—last seen on a flat track in October of 2019 in a \$5,000 Laurel claimer—to victory in the \$30,000 Grand National Timber Stakes in Butler, Md.

The chart for the Grand National listed the winner's purse at \$18,000, but the bonuses that follow will incentivize more Thoroughbred owners to transition runners at the conclusion of their flat-track careers to a second chance for glory and profit over jumps—and reward the folks who brought those runners into the world, in Maryland foaling barns.

Merryland rider Owings added to his resume when he finished second aboard Rocket Star Red in the \$100,000 Maryland Hunt Cup on April 30 (photo above by Ellen Pons).

A debt of gratitude is felt toward the entire steeplechase community, whose efforts to preserve Maryland farmland from development enriches the beauty of the entire state.

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## **Partnership-bred filly fetches \$125,000 at OBS Spring Sale**



Country Life breeding partnerships have seen good results on the racetrack from horses we've bred that are earning breeder bonuses in Maryland. Our efforts to improve the quality of the horses we breed are also reflected in the sales ring. At the recent OBS April 2-year-old sale a Cross Traffic filly out of Your Flame in Me worked in :20.4 and subsequently sold for \$125,000 to C2 Racing Stable LLC.

Look for several more CLF/partnership MD-breds at the Fasig-Tipton May sale in Timonium.

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## **March Foals**

(click pictures for links to Ellen's galleries)



**In Dad's Wallet -  
Divining Rod filly**

March 2nd 2022 at 6:42 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Bill Bayne & Super C  
Racing**

**Giuliana Vee -  
The Factor filly**

March 3rd 2022 at 4:46 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Warning Drums  
Racing LLC**

**Glackety -  
Global Campaign filly**

March 7th 2022 at 5:15 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Barak Farm**

**Fluxx -  
Divining Rod colt**

March 10th 2022 at 9:38 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Holly House Farm**

Sagamoon -  
Jimmy Creed filly  
March 11th 2022 at 7:45 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Sagamoon LLC**

Danica -  
Divining Rod colt  
March 11th 2022 at 7:48 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Jann Anderson**

Bode's Brienne -  
Divining Rod colt  
March 11th 2022 at 10:01 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Michael & Robin Gohn**

Hello Now -  
Hoppertunity filly  
March 13th 2022 at 10:17 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Holly House Farm**

Important -  
Mosler colt

March 16th 2022 at 9:32 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Bell Gable Stable LLC**

Grecian Maiden -  
Mor Spirit colt

March 16th 2022 at 11:32 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Grecian Maiden Broodmare II LLC**

Bells Of War -  
Buccheri colt

March 17th 2022 at 10:33 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Commonwealth New Era  
Racing & Marie Trombetta**

Hiding -  
World Of Trouble colt

March 21st 2022 at 12:44 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm & Mark  
Ronsini**



Indexation -  
Liam's Map filly

March 24th 2022 at 10:30 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Indexation LLC**

Fortheloveofpete -  
Run Happy colt

March 27th 2022 at 10:48 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Gallery Racing LLC**

Basedonatruestory -  
Malibu Moon colt

March 29th 2022 at 10:29 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Basedonatruestory LLC**

**Foaling Webcam**

**Country Life Bred or Sired Winners**





Photos by Jim McCue

### **DIVINING ROD**

***RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY:*** 4/9 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Robert D. Bone & Edward Brown, Jr.)

***DIVINING DANCER:*** 4/22 at CT, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Ann's Smart Dancer LLC; owner AAC Racing, Inc.)

***RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY:*** 4/22 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Robert D. Bone & Edward Brown, Jr.)

### **MOSLER**

***REBEL VICTORY:*** 4/1 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder/owner Cordelia Stables)

***I'M BLUSHING:*** 4/16 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder/owner John & Cheryl Banner)

***JOE MIKE JIM:*** 4/24 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Laura's Moon LLC; owner Lugamo Racing Stable LLC)

***WICKED PRANKSTER:*** 4/28 at LAUREL, Starter (breeder Country Life Farm & Broken Trust Fund LLC; owner Samuel G. Davis)

***MOSE PERFECT:*** 4/30 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Charles Parker; owner Country Life Farm & Mose Perfect LLC)

### **FRIESAN FIRE**

***SHADY MUNNI:*** 4/9 at LAUREL, Allowance (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis; owner Walter B. Doggett III)

***FOREST FIRE:*** 4/11 at PARX, Claiming (breeder Shirley Lojeski; owner Two C Stables)

***HOT LOOKIN ROYAL:*** 4/28 at LAUREL, Maiden (breeder Annette Eubanks & Daniel Eubanks; owner Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc. and Annette Eubanks)

### **OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred winners:**

***MAID THE JOURNEY:*** 4/15 at LAUREL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Maria Corrales)

## Virtual Stallion Show

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