



# Country Life Press August 2022 Newsletter

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## Awesome August



Virginia-bred GALILEI scores her debut win in a \$60,000 Maiden Special at Colonial Downs on August 8. (Coady Photography)



Country Life's Maryland-bred DIVINE LAW broke his maiden at Laurel on August 14. (Jim McCue photo)



DIVINE FASHION broke her maiden on opening day of the Maryland State Fair meet at Timonium on August 26. (Jim McCue photo)

Racing success made this August memorable for partners in Country Life racehorses, with maiden wins by Galilei, Divine Law and Divine Fashion along with close 2nd-place finishes by Covert Kat and Seems to Whisper.

Galilei started things off with an impressive score at Colonial Downs. The Virginia-bred filly by sensational grass sire Lemon Drop Kid is out of the Irish-bred Galileo mare Fairytale Ending. Galilei is thus a 1/2-sister to stakes winner Urban Fairytale.

Bred to go long on the turf, Galilei showed grit and determination in only her third start. A \$92,000 Timonium yearling purchase in 2020, Galilei burst through rivals to draw off to a 2-length win. Congratulations to partners Cape Fear Thoroughbreds, John & Marcia Courson, DJohnson Thoroughbreds, Robert Goldman, Guidera McKenney Equine, Robert Kern, Frank Morgan, Harold Rottman and Mike Stone.

A week later, homebred Divine Law (a Divining Rod 3-year-old bred by Country Life and the Lawless Love LLC) also broke his maiden in his third start. The gelding was patiently ridden by apprentice Yan Aviles and they snuck through on the rail at the wire in the \$30,000 Maiden Claiming event. A few partners made it to fill the winner's circle, but Dennis Booker, David Callan, Allen & Alma Garst, Guidera McKenney Equine, Harris Heitner, Tommie Lewis, Lisa Padian, Mark Rice and David & Diana Sedney were all thrilled with the result.

The Maryland State Fair is always a good time, and we celebrated opening day of the 7-day racing meet with a maiden win by Divine Fashion on Friday, August 26th. The 3-year-old Divining Rod filly sat in third-place for most of the two-turn race until past the Ferris Wheel on the far turn. She kicked away down the stretch to cross the wire clear of the field. As happens when horses are spotted where they can win, Divine Fashion was claimed, but we'll be cheering for her in future races in Maryland. She earned a 25% Virginia-certified bonus on top of the purse, and the importance of 15% Developer's Awards in Maryland means that our partners (Jim Connor, Jim Ridgley, Jim & Carol Tanzola and Patrick Thompson) will continue to benefit from her career hereon.

In addition to these three wins, Kentucky-bred, Virginia-certified Covert Kat narrowly missed in a closing second-place finish in his second lifetime start on August 15 at Colonial Downs. The 3-year-old gelding by Run Away and Hide, out of the \$400,000 stakes-winning Weigelia mare Fat Kat, was sharp with blinkers added. He earned \$9,000 and seemed to like the turf.

Another turf runner who just missed a win in her second start was Seems to Whisper. The 3-year-old Freud filly was off the board in her debut at Saratoga but showed much improvement with blinkers added at Colonial Downs on August 20. She took the lead in the stretch, only to be nabbed at the wire by the heavy favorite.

With 10 horses at the track with Mike Trombetta and another nine at Merryland preparing for this fall, we expect more exciting action in the near future.

E-mail us to receive information on our upcoming purchases at the fall yearling sales.



## Yearling Sales Coming Up

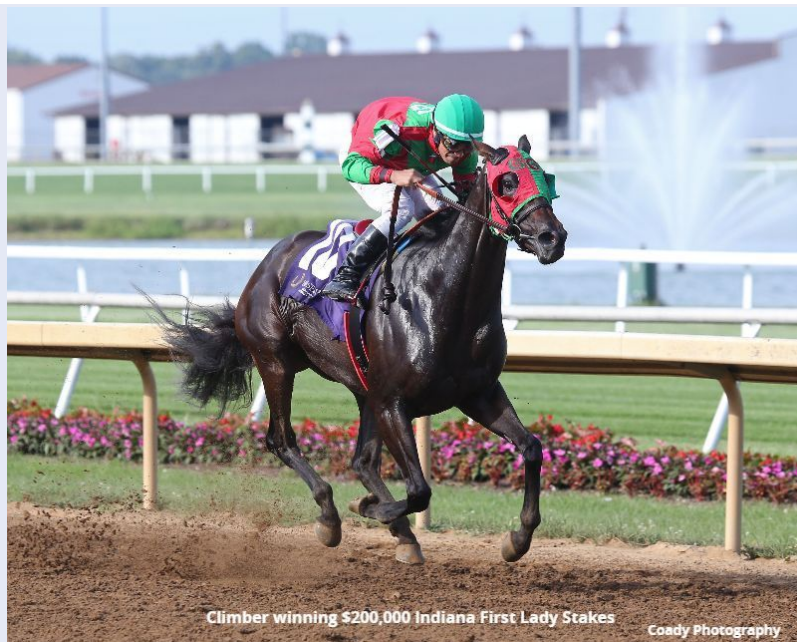
It's Yearling Sale season, and Country Life will be shopping at the upcoming auctions. Give us a call to get on our waiting list for a share in the next racehorse.

We'll be prepping a dozen yearlings for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale on October 3-4, with excellent prospects to consider right at home, in addition to the Kentucky sales in September. Among last year's purchases are nice 2-year-olds who have started or are nearing their racing debuts in the coming weeks: Occasional Moon, Harbor Moon, Sage Runner, Moonset, Calm n Collected, Amant and Gun Runnin' Gal.

Get in the game with us. Call or e-mail us to own a piece of our next winner.

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## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners



### **DIVINING ROD**

**CLIMBER:** 8/3 at IND, \$200,000 Indiana First Lady Stakes (breeder Dawn Martin; owner Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Bruce Murphy)

**DIVINE LAW:** 8/14 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Lawless Love LLC; owner Country Life Farm & Divine Law LLC)

**TURBINADO:** 8/19 at FAN, Allowance (breeder Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny; owner Bret Rosendohl)

**DIVINE HUNTRESS:** 8/24 STAKES (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky Buckley & Joshua Dreiband; owner Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Long Valley Stables LLC)

**DIVINE FASHION:** 8/26 at TIM, Maiden (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Country Life Farm & Divine Fashion LLC)

**DIVINING STAR:** 8/27 at CMR, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm, Divining Rod Syndicate & Luisa Cuprill; owner P & L Racing PR)





Mr. Mosley's maiden win at Laurel on 8/20. Jim McCue photo

## **MOSLER**

**SAPONARA:** 8/3 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Club Risque Stable and Gregory K. Quick)

**GHOST MAIDEN:** 8/6 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Grecian Maiden LLC; owner Sheffield Stable LLC)

**FOOL YOURSELF:** 8/6 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Marathon Farms, Inc.; owner Robert D. Bone)

**BIG DADDY D R:** 8/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm)

**MOSE DEFINITELY:** 8/11 at IND, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & As Long As Ittakes LLC; owner Richard E. Wolf)

**JORDON REIGN'S:** 8/13 at CAY (JAM), Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables, LLC; owner Everton St. Clare Campbell)

**FLAMINGO FAZE:** 8/15 at CNL, Maiden 2 yo (breeder/owner Linda Walls)

**FULL MOON LOVER:** 8/18 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Ronney & Nicole Brown)

**MR. MOSLEY:** 8/20 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Ken Lowe, Jr.; owner Michael Schmidt)

**MOSE DEFINITELY:** 8/22 at IND, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & As Long As Ittakes LLC; owner Richard E. Wolf)

**MR. MOSLEY:** 8/26 at TIM, Claiming (breeder Ken Lowe, Jr.; owner Michael Schmidt)

**HOT SPICE:** 8/27 at TIM, Maiden (breeder Randy Ridgely & Gary Ridgely; owner Randy Ridgely)

**JORDON REIGN'S:** 8/27 at CAY (JAM), Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables, LLC; owner Everton St. Clare Campbell)

**NEXT EPISODE:** 8/30 at CNL, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Rue de Rivoli LLC; owner Niall Saville)



Hot Spice (Mosler) maiden win at Timonium on 8/27. Jim McCue photo



2-year-old Flamingo Faze (Mosler) wins on debut at Colonial on 8/15. Coady Photography photo



2-year-old Next Episode (Mosler) scores in her second start at Colonial on 8/30. Coady Photography photo

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### **FRIESAN FIRE**

**MO FIRE:** 8/3 at CNL, Claiming (breeder Deer Creek Racing; owner Roger B. Sterling)

**RESCUE FIVE:** 8/3 at MNR, Allowance (breeder Ralph Dimitri & Sandy Prinzivalli;

owner Dimitri Racing Stable, Inc.)

**RESCUE FIVE:** 8/30 at MNR, Allowance (breeder Ralph Dimitri & Sandy Prinzivalli;  
owner Dimitri Racing Stable, Inc.)

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

**BILLINGSGATE (Super Ninety Nine - Easy Mover)** - Claiming win on 8/2 at CNL. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by Pepe Stable & JLM Jacona Stable

**ONE SILK STOCKING (Lord Nelson - Keep Right)** - Claiming win on 8/4 at DMR. Bred by Country Life Farm & Keep Right LLC; owned by Roadrunner Racing, Neil A. Haymes, Dennis O'Neill and William Strauss

**BLIND SPOT (Cross Traffic - Your Flame in Me)** - Maiden Special win on 8/28 at GP. Bred by Country Life Farm & Your Flame in Me LLC; owned by C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC





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