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Divine Huntress Stakes Winner #3 for Divining Rod



Divining Rod had 2 stakes performers in the same race, as Divine Huntress (#7) got her nose down first in the \$75,000 Miss Disco Stakes and Petition Prayer (#6) was a fast closing 3rd at Laurel on 7/30. Jim McCue photo

Divining Rod got a new stakes winner and a new stakes-placed filly in the \$75,000 Miss Disco Stakes at Laurel on 7/30. Following up on her 2nd place finish in last month's G1 Acorn Stakes at Belmont, Divine Huntress came home to Maryland and got a hard-fought victory, battling down the stretch with Sweet Gracie and getting the nod at the wire. Also earning blacktype in this race was Petition Prayer, who re-rallied for 3rd after pressing the pace early then dropping back.

Trained by Graham Motion for Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Long Valley Stables LLC, Maryland-bred Divine Huntress had been knocking heads with the best 3-year-old fillies in the Country all spring. She earned her first stakes win and became Divining Rod's 3rd stakes winner of 2022.

Only 4 other stallions on the 2nd Crop Sire list in North America have more than 3 stakes winners so far this year. Among the Top 15 on that list, Divining Rod is #2 by percentage of Stakes Winners from Runners at 6.3%. The #1 stallion, Gun Runner, is quickly becoming elite and expensive.

Partnership Offering For new KITTEN'S JOY filly SOLD OUT



Great sires stamp their get. When this Kitten's Joy filly out of stakes-winner Athenian (IRE) bounced around the back ring at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale in Lexington, her resemblance to her famous father (who died suddenly of a heart attack two days after the sale) drew us to her. Big strong hip. Excellent bone. Same deep chestnut color. Even the same dark brown spots, known as "Bend Or" spots, for the 1880 Epsom Derby winner whose genetic imprint carries his coloring down the ages. Bend Or was the sire of Fairy Gold, who produced Fair Play, who sired Man o' War, who sired Triple Crown winner War Admiral, who looms prominently on the female side of Kitten's Joy.

Country Life partners who follow our auction acquisitions as they happen in real time, printed on Results pages of the sales companies websites, know that there is no markup from wholesale to retail. At The July Sale, the market is looking for pinhooking prospects for next year's 2-year-old sales. They are not looking for grass fillies. That was our opening to acquire this Kitten's Joy filly. When we bought her late in the sale for \$32,000, texts arrived immediately for reservations to hold shares at \$3,200 each. Watch the results of Saratoga and Keeneland this fall to see if we add well-bred racing and breeding prospects to our inventory. See her pedigree [here](#).

Budding Turf Star: Mosler's Image



Country Life homebred-turned-racing partnership filly Mosler's Image (bred by our Imagistic LLC) turned in one heck of a performance at Monmouth Park on July 16th. Entered in a \$16,000 turf claimer for non-winners of 3 races, she was bothered in the starting gate when the filly next to her acted up. Image reared just as the gates opened and broke last in the field of 9.

Jockey Jorge Vargas, Jr. bided his time with her and allowed her to move up into contention three wide going down the backstretch. They had no choice but to stay on the outside going into the far turn and found themselves five-wide coming into the lane. She rallied down the stretch to battle neck and neck with the favorite and just got her nose down at the wire to steal the victory.

Her speed figures on the turf have improved so much so that she's been entered in a \$70,000 VA Allowance race at Colonial Downs on August 1st. It's a tall order, but she's got heart and all of her partners are excited to see how she does.

MHBA Yearling Show Success

Kudos to this year's MHBA Yearling Show judge Jonathan Thomas, who toughed out a brutally hot day at the Timonium Fairgrounds to evaluate about 80 Maryland-bred yearlings in 4 different classes. Country Life exhibited 11 yearlings, all fillies, for both clients and our partnerships.

In addition to the four that received ribbons (pictured above), several other fillies made the final cut in their class. All of the yearlings showed well, behaved perfectly and got home safely which is a major win for the day. They are all now eligible for the \$40,000 MHBA Yearling Show Premium, which is split and distributed twice (\$20,000 divided among the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2-year-olds during 2023 and \$20,000 divided among the four highest earning 3-year-olds the following year).



Mosler - Fifteen Moons filly was **2nd** in her class for MD-sired fillies.
Owned and bred by CLF & Fifteen



Free Drop Billy - Sugar Shack filly got **2nd** in the class for out-of-state

Moons LLC, she'll start training this fall to join our racing stable.



Divining Rod - Basedonatruestory filly placed **4th** in her class for MD-sired fillies. Bred by CLF & Basedonatruestory LLC, she's entered in the upcoming Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in October.

sired fillies. Owner Jim Stevenson was on hand to receive her ribbon.



Catholic Boy - Miss Mystique filly was **5th** in her class for out-of-state sired fillies. She was bred by CLF & Miss Mystique LLC and will be offered at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in October.



Our hardworking crew survived temps in the upper 90's and did an excellent job. We had 7 fillies entered in Class 3 which required everyone's involvement to get them cleaned up and in the ring. All horses behaved perfectly.

Country Life Aftercare



Flash McCaul (by Friesan Fire) and Kim Crowell have shown in several disciplines but have discovered a love for Cross Country and Eventing.



Let's Play Nine (by Super Ninety Nine) is excelling in his second career in the showing with Nicole Martin.



At Country Life and Merryland, the horses come first. When one of our racehorses isn't performing as it should or doesn't show interest in running we try our best to find it a good home in a second career. We couldn't be happier for the success that two in particular have found recently.

Merryland broodmare manager Kim Crowell adopted Flash McCaul, a stakes-placed earner of over \$200,000, when his racing career was over and together they have shown in hunters and dressage at the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover in Lexington, KY along with several local OTTB shows. Recently they earned a Reserve High Point War Horse ribbon at the Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue All Thoroughbred Show.

Nicole Martin, manager of nearby St. Omer's Farm and longtime friend of Kim, had her eye on Let's Play Nine while he was still racing in the Country Life silks. When we decided to retire him last year she was the first one to call and offer him his forever home. They've started showing this year and have already brought home top ribbons in the local OTTB shows.

We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

SARATOGA KAREN: 7/8 at LS, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Relentless Racing, Inc.)

DRY WELL: 7/10 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; owner Team Gaudet and Now Or Never Stable)

TURBINADO: 7/16 at FAN, Allowance (breeder Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny; owner Bret Rosendohl)

SWEET TALIA: 7/29 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC; owner Talbot Run Racing Stable LLC)

DIVINE HUNTRESS: 7/30 at LRL, MISS DISCO STAKES (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky Buckley & Joshua Dreiband; owner Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Long Valley Stables LLC)

MOSLER

FULL MOON LOVER: 7/1 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Ronney & Nicole Brown)

GAVICHI: 7/9 at PRX, Claiming (breeder James Anderson; owner Just In Time Racing LLC)

MOSLER'S IMAGE: 7/16 at MTH, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare LLC; owner Country Life Farm & Mosler Girls LLC)

JOHNNY SACK: 7/20 at PRX, Starter (breeder Barak Farm; owner Yellow Stripe Stable)

JORDON REIGN'S: 7/20 at CAY (JAM), Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables, LLC; owner Everton St. Clare Campbell)

SUNSHINEANRAINBOWS: 7/26 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Wes Carter; owner Virginia Demczyk)

GAVICHI: 7/27 at PRX, Claiming (breeder James Anderson; owner Just In Time Racing LLC)

FULL MOON LOVER: 7/30 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Ronney & Nicole Brown)

FRIESAN FIRE

LOVE ON FIRE: 7/5 at PRX, Allowance/Opt Claiming (breeder Thomas & Caroline Rebecca Finacchio; owner JKK Racing)

BERNIE'S ON FIRE: 7/8 at LRL, Claiming (breeder William Bayne; owner William Bayne & Super C Racing, Inc.)

BON FIRE DIVA: 7/8 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Louis Carrico; owner Bell Gable Stable LLC)

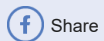
RESCUE FIVE: 7/17 at MNR, Allowance/Opt Claiming (breeder Ralph Dimitri & Sandy Prinzivalli; owner Dimitri Racing Stable, Inc.)

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred winners:

MAID THE JOURNEY (Super Ninety Nine - Maid of Cotton) - Starter win on 7/29 at LRL. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by Maria Corrales

Virtual Stallion Show

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