



# Country Life Press September 2022 Newsletter

*From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*

Established 1933



[View this e-mail in your browser](#)

## **\*Last Call for this Saturday's 11 a.m. Brunch at Country Life to "game plan" for October 3-4 Yearling Sale**

**\*RSVP to [christy@countrylifefarm.com](mailto:christy@countrylifefarm.com)**

The market for quality yearlings, surging with momentum from the record-breaking Keeneland September Yearling Sale, comes to Maryland this Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3-4, with the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale.

Country Life is hosting a "pre-game" brunch this Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the "Big House" at the farm. The changing Mid-Atlantic breeding and racing scene will certainly be a subject of conversation. In addition, nationally prominent bloodstock agent Alistair Roden will be our special guest, providing his impressions of the overall market, and what he looks for when he shops in Maryland.

After the brunch, we will hustle over to Timonium to continue compiling our "short list" of prospective yearling purchases. Anyone interested in tagging along as we roam the sales grounds is welcome to join us.

At the sale itself, for various Country Life Breeding Partnerships, we are offering a Divining Rod 1/2-sister to stakes-placed Secret Rules; a strapping filly by first-crop sire Catholic Boy out of \$250,000-earner and stakes-placed Miss Mystique; and a Twirling Candy filly out of the stakes-placed Tapit mare Playful Love.

We'll also be looking to purchase well-bred yearlings for our racing stable. At last year's sale we picked up a pair of Malibu Moon colts who are showing

talent as 2-year-olds: Harbor Moon was a good second in his debut in the slop at Pimlico, and Moonset is impressive in his workouts preparing for his debut soon.

We've been lucky at the Timonium sale: This is where we purchased stakes winner Bella Aurora (for \$87,000), who earned \$250,000 and who sold, in foal to 2020 Horse-of-the-Year Authentic, for \$300,000 at the conclusion of her racing career.



If you are interested in what we purchase at next week's sale, reach out to us at the cell numbers and emails below:

- Josh Pons: 443-807-0644 [josh@countrylifefarm.com](mailto:josh@countrylifefarm.com)
- Mike Pons: 410-459-8517 [mike@countrylifefarm.com](mailto:mike@countrylifefarm.com)
- Christy Holden: 410-808-1325 [christy@countrylifefarm.com](mailto:christy@countrylifefarm.com)

Yearlings prepped at Merryland for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Sale  
(the sale starts at 1:00 pm on Monday and 10:00 am on Tuesday)

\*\* Click links or pictures below to see catalog pages



[Hip 180 - filly](#)

[Divining Rod - Basedonatruestory](#)



[Hip 374 - filly](#)

[Maximus Mischief - Keep Right](#)



Hip 378 - filly  
Mosler - Lady Krista



Hip 421 - filly  
Catholic Boy - Miss Mystique



Hip 422 - filly  
Divining Rod - Missy Rules



Hip 477 - filly  
Twirling Candy - Playful Love



Hip 510 - filly  
Mosler - Rotate



Hip 45 - filly  
Divining Rod - So Far Away

---

**Real Rider Cup**





Country Life Farm sponsored one of our former racing stable runners in the "Real Rider Cup" program this year. The "Real Rider Cup" is an annual charity show-jumping event that invites racing and breeding industry members to team up with an off-track Thoroughbred to compete over a course of jumps.

Each rider pledges to raise a minimum of \$1,000 to benefit Thoroughbred Aftercare programs such as the Fair Hill Thoroughbred Show, New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, and the Retired Racehorse Project. Inspired and organized by Anita Motion, the "Real Rider Cup" program began in 2017.

Merryland Broodmare Manager Kim Crowell competed with former Country Life racehorse "Flash McCaul," a stakes-placed earner of \$225,000 who has thrived in Kim's "aftercare" care.

Sporting Country Life's orange-and-blue silks, Kim and Flash McCaul competed as part of Team Animal Kingdom. They had a clear round to help their team finish in 3rd place. A total of 63 riders entered the event, which raised a record \$173,000.



Photos: Maggie Kimmitt and Ellen Pons

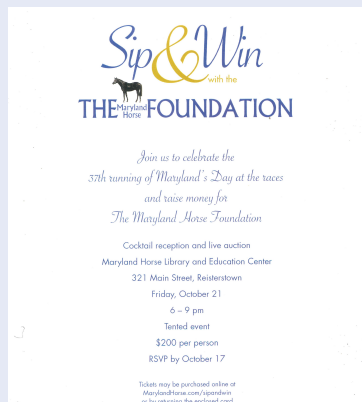
**2022 Team Appreciation Day**



Caring for dozens of Thoroughbreds on both Country Life Farm and our training center Merryland Farm requires a talented and dedicated staff. Both Country Life and Merryland are fortunate to employ a top team, to care for the horses as well as to maintain the beautiful properties.

We held our annual "End-of-Breeding Season Staff Appreciation Party" to celebrate our team and the great work they've done this year. This spring, we bred 100 mares, delivered 73 brand-new Maryland-bred foals, averaged 25 horses-in-training daily at Merryland, prepped a dozen yearlings for shows and sales, and presently are prepping another dozen weanlings and mares for the breeding stock sales in Kentucky in November and in Maryland in December.

Thank you very much to our clients and partners who entrust their horses to us.



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**October 21-23**

**"Sip & Win"  
"Maryland Million Day"  
and our  
"Autumn Day in the Country"**

Keep Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 21 through October 23, open on your autumn calendar for Maryland Million weekend. Friday evening features the 2nd annual "Sip & Win" cocktail reception and live auction to benefit The Maryland Horse Foundation and will be held at the new Maryland Horse Library and Education Center in Reisterstown (click [here](#) for tickets). Then on Saturday it's Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park, followed the next day by our annual "Autumn Day in the Country" at Merryland Farm.

Country Life stallions will be well represented on Maryland Million Day, and our yearling crop of 2022 and a number of young horses-in-training will be on display the next day at our "Autumn Day in the Country."

**A fun weekend for Maryland horse lovers:  
Oct. 21-23.**

---

**Country Life Bred or Sired Winners**





### **DIVINING ROD**

**MR. MOX:** 9/5 at TIM, Starter (breeder Country Life Farm & Mrs. Glennie Martin; owner Walter B. Doggett III)

**CLIMBER:** 9/15 at IND, Allowance (breeder Dawn Martin; owner Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Bruce Murphy)

**BATON:** 9/24 at PIM, Maiden (breeder Helen C. Alexander; owner Gregory Carlevale)

**RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY:** 9/25 at PIM, Allowance (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Robert D. Bone & Edward Brown Jr.)

**HIDDEN ROD:** 9/28 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Country Life & Luisa Cuprill; owner Manuel Morales)

UNOFFICIAL		1/4	25.28	1/2	49.70	3/4	1:14.01	MILE	1:38.94	FINISH	1:51.35
3-1	5	<b>BATON</b>		5	<b>BATON</b>						
7-1	6	<b>BUNKER HILL</b>									
8-5	3	<b>CHENTI</b>									
2-1	8	<b>HOOKEY PLAYER</b>									
6-1	4	<b>RIPKEN</b>									
JOCKEY		JEIRON BARBOSA									
OWNER		GREGORY CARLEVALE									
TRAINER		MICHAEL V. PINO									

## **MOSLER**

**GRATITUDE ATTITUDE:** 8/31 at PEN, Maiden (breeder Wes Carter; owner Ronald Lavine)

**BANDITS HEART:** 9/1 at DEL, Dover Stakes and 2 yo Maiden win (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm)

**LEAVE 'EM LOADED:** 9/1 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Kathleen Willier; owner Larry Metz)

**BELLSWILLBERINGING:** 9/9 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Will Do LLC; owner Bell Gable Stable LLC)

**PEPE AND HEYWOOD:** 9/16 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Sassy Molly LLC; owner Manuel Sepulveda and Maria Isabel Rodriguez)

**NEED A MARKER:** 9/18 at PIM, 2 yo Maiden (breeder/owner William Bayne & Super C Racing)

**MACY'S BOY:** 9/25 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Gordonsdale Farm; owner Jerry L. Campbell)

**SAFE REEZAN:** 9/28 at CT, Claiming (breeder/owner Charles J. Reed & Michael Zanella)





## **FRIESAN FIRE**

**BERNIE'S ON FIRE:** 9/25 at PIM, Claiming (breeder William Bayne; owner William Bayne & Super C Racing)



**Bernie's on Fire**

Jim McCue photo

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

**BLIND SPOT (Cross Traffic - Your Flame in Me)** - Our Dear Peggy Stakes win on 9/17 at GP. Bred by Country Life Farm & Your Flame in Me LLC; owned by C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC

**TARGE (Will Take Charge - Curio)** - Claiming win on 9/17 at PIM. Bred by Country Life Farm & Curio Broodmare LLC; owned by Marko Milojevic



Targe gets her 3rd lifetime win at Pimlico on 9/17.

Jim McCue photo

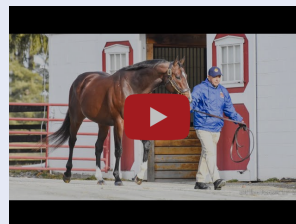


Trainer Saffie Joseph (left) with the connections of Blind Spot after her Our Dear Peggy Stakes win.

Ryan Thompson photo

## Virtual Stallion Show

Click to watch ----->



Share



Tweet



Forward



Copyright © 2022 Country Life Farm, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

