



Country Life Press March 2023 Newsletter

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What a Response!



Mosler is on a roll to start 2023, with several nice Allowance winners in the past few weeks. Leading them all is Response Time, bred by Country Life Farm out of the Dominus mare Dominus Effect. Purchased for \$100,000 by David Hughes of Mens Grille Racing out of the May 2-year-old sale in 2020, she's trained by Hamilton Smith and became Mosler's leading earner with her 2nd straight allowance victory at Laurel on February 24th. With 25 starts and 7 wins, her earnings stand at \$361,058 and she's hoping to add some blacktype to her resume in the Conniver Stakes in March.

Other allowance winners so far in 2023 include Captain Quint, Loose Ends, Mose Perfect and Moonsafe. Mosler's stakes winner Hello Hot Rod returned to the barn of trainer Brittany Russell after a stint in Florida last year and finished 3rd in a February allowance at Laurel. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings for the progeny of our son of War Front.

U.S. Pony Racing Clinic at Merryland



Click the picture above to view a gallery of photos taken by Ellen Pons.

For the second year in a row, Merryland Farm hosted the U.S. Pony Racing Association for a young rider clinic. Over 30 young riders, ranging in age from 4-15, took part and either brought their own ponies or leased one for the day.

The weather was great and the kids had a blast, learning how to do everything from sitting in the proper gallop position (Regina brought an Equicizer "horse" like the jockeys use to get warmed up before a race) to how to do a walk up start like in steeplechase races. The kids got to walk their ponies through the starting gate and gallop them around the Merryland oval.

Judging by the crowd we had, we think it's safe to say that the U.S. Pony Racing Association is doing a good job cultivating the next generation to become involved in the sport.

Another SOLD OUT Offering



Our latest partnership offering, for a Malibu Moon yearling colt named Lexington Moon, sold out quickly. The bay son from the last crop of our venerable stallion was purchased for \$55,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale and shares sold out within a week.

Thank you to these fine partners for jumping in this nice colt: Steve Boyle, Matt Brunner, Cape Fear Thoroughbreds, John & Marcia Courson, Guidera McKenney Equine LLC, Len Kreitzberg and Sally Robinson.

Contact us to get on the list for the next sale, likely to be the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in Training Sale in May.

Merryland Graduates

Our Merryland Training Facility, under the guidance of Sonja Aleksic and her husband, longtime Merryland rider and yearling breaker Milan Milosevic, has been the starting point for hundreds of horses over the years. From breaking yearlings and 2-year-olds to legging up horses that have had time off, the training barn at Merryland has been busy. Stalls in other barns are filled with layups coming for some turnout time or rehabbing from injuries, as the farm atmosphere, sand round pens and grass paddocks are just what the doctor ordered.

Below is just a sampling of the 2022 Merryland training graduates who have gone on to break their maiden in the past 6 months after leaving our facility - congratulations to their connections!



Hop and Scotch, 2020 colt by Hoppertunity. Owned by Bell Gable Stable LLC and trained by Mario Lopez. 1 win, 2 seconds, 2 thirds in 9 starts.



Jones Falls, 2020 gelding by Long River. Owned by Richie Blue and trained by Tim Keefe. 1 win in 3 starts.



Noah Chance, 2020 colt by Great Notion. Owned by Mens Grille Racing and trained by Jerry Robb. 3 wins in 7 starts.



Precious Avary, 2020 filly by Divining Rod. Owned by Smith Farm & Stable and trained by Tim Shaw. 1 win, 2 seconds in 5 starts.



Shelley's Song, 2019 filly by Maclean's Music. Owned by Al Klerlein/All the Way Stables and trained by Andrew Simoff. 1 win in 1 start.



Willful Desire, 2020 filly by Friesan Fire. Claimed from Bell Gable Stable LLC by Robert D. Bone & Edward Brown, Jr. and trained by Damon Dilodovico. 1 win, 1 second in 6 starts.

February Foals

(click pictures for links to Ellen's galleries)

Fifteen Royals - Divining Rod Filly

February 2nd 2023 at 8:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Contradance - Irish War Cry Filly

February 2nd 2023 at 10:48 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

My Adeline - Mo Town Colt

February 4th 2023 at 7:54 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Eloquent Tribute - Runhappy Colt

February 5th 2023 at 5:01 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Izzadora Bella -
Volatile Filly

February 6th 2023 at 3:41 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Tripscar -
Temple City Filly

February 6th 2023 at 4:16 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Make Amends -
Yaupon Colt

February 8th 2023 at 12:41 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

She's Curly -
Divining Rod Filly

February 10th 2023 at 11:29 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Discatsonthesquare - Take Charge Indy Colt

February 11th 2023 at 8:56 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Rules For Us - Mo Town filly

February 24th 2023 at 9:48 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Playful Love - Higher Power colt

February 24th 2023 at 11:32 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Buyhappy - Divining Rod filly

February 25th 2023 at 10:21 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Candystand -
Independence Hall filly**

February 26th 2023 at 7:44 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Yougottabekitten -
Irish War Cry filly**

February 27th 2023 at 10:09 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Foaling Webcam

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners



RASCALLY REBEL, by Divining Rod out of Tenacious Traci, broke his maiden at 99-1 on 2/20. Jim McCue photo

DIVINING ROD

UNDER THE RADAR: 2/5 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Willow Oaks Stable, LLC; owner Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. & Jagger, Inc.)

RASCALLY REBEL: 2/20 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Bruce C. Wells; owner Robert Reidy)

DRY WELL: 2/25 at CT, Allowance (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; owner AJ Will Win Stables, LLC)



BILLYKUS, by Mosler out of Blisstikus, broke his maiden by 10 lengths at Laurel on 2/3. Jim McCue photo

MOSLER

SCARF: 2/1 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Smith Farm & Stable; owner Cecilia Evans)

BILLYKUS: 2/3 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner William Bayne & Super C Racing)

RESPONSE TIME: 2/4 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Mens Grille Racing)

CAPTAIN QUINT: 2/12 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm, Paul Berube & Karen Linnell; owner Paul Berube & Karen Linnell)

RESPONSE TIME: 2/24 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Mens Grille Racing)

ESPERANNNA: 2/26 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Moonlit Malibu LLC; owner Robert D. Bone & Edward Brown, Jr.)

FRIESAN FIRE

MISSION OBERON: 2/1 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Friesan Fire Syndicate; owner Juan Polanco)

POCOPSON STATION: 2/15 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Elizabeth R. Houghton; owner Brandon Stem & Sheri Loechner-Stem)

SKIMBLE SHANKS: 2/16 at PEN, Maiden (breeder Warrior's Reward LLC; owner Rock Bottom Ranch & Warrior's Reward LLC)



CLF-bred Left Hand Thread, by Army Mule out of Watrugonnadorosie, breaks his maiden in 2nd start on 2/26. Jim McCue photo

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:

RUN LAURA RUN (Overanalyze - Laura's Moon) - Claiming win on 2/1 at PEN. Bred by Country Life Farm & Laura's Moon LLC; owned by Shooting Star Stable

ACE NINE NINE (Super Ninety Nine - Smash Review) - Starter win on 2/4 at LRL. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by John C. Kenworthy

CALIFORNIA CALI (California Chrome - Placentia) - Maiden win on 2/10 at DED. Bred by Country Life Farm & Placentia LLC; owned by Nicholas James Latour

FRENCH TOAST (Tonalist - Miss Pauline) - Claiming win on 2/14 at PRX.
Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss Pauline LLC; owned by Class Personified Stable

TOMMY SHELBY (Super Ninety Nine - Moon Map) - Claiming win on 2/18 at CT. Bred by Country Life Farm & Moon Map Broodmare LLC; owned by James C. Wolf.

LEFT HAND THREAD (Army Mule - Watrugonnadorosie) - Maiden win on 2/26 at LRL. Bred by Country Life Farm & Watrugonnadorosie LLC; owned by Bird Mobberley LLC

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