



# Country Life Press

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### Newsletter

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## Divine d'Or



New Zealand breeder/trainer Erana Shattock's dream of breeding a dilute colored Thoroughbred from the Tapit sireline came true on May 2nd when her Palomino Thoroughbred mare Amber Empress delivered a golden filly by Divining Rod at Country Life Farm. The beautiful filly has already been named Divine d'Or.

A breeder of colored sporthorses in her country, Erana also trains Thoroughbreds to race there. She wanted to improve her Thoroughbred bloodlines and favored the Tapit line. Frosted was the only Tapit standing in NZ or AUS, but he was out of the running because his grey color would dominate the dilute palomino gene of the mare.

Erana looked to the U.S. for bay sons of Tapit that could run and found Divining Rod, arguably one of his best-bred sons who was also quite accomplished on the racetrack. Divining Rod won over \$882,000 in 17 starts, with 5 wins including the G3 Coolmore Lexington Stakes. He was a nose from winning the G1 Cigar Mile and placed in six other graded stakes, including running 3rd in the G1 Preakness. His dam Precious Kitten was a multiple G1-winner and half-sister to leading sire Kitten's Joy, so the pedigree was just what Erana wanted.

While Amber Empress never raced, her dam Lady Livingston (by El Prado) won a Maiden Special at Calder and is a full sister to multiple stakes winner Mr. Livingston, who won or placed in 14 stakes races, including a win in the G3 Palm Beach Stakes. Lady Livingston herself has produced 4 winners from 4 starters and two of her other daughters have now produced blacktype.

Erana hopes to be the first breeder of a dilute colored Thoroughbred stakes winner with this fine filly by Divining Rod. We'll be following Divine d'Or in the coming years - she won't be hard to miss!

## VERSATILE THOROUGHBREDS...

### Western Riding



Cheyenne Piccolo and Gypsy navigating poles in their Ranch Riding class.

Photo: Risk Happy Photography



Earning blue ribbons at a schooling show in May.

When Country Life's broodmare manager Cheyenne Piccolo was young she rode Western. After getting back into riding several years ago she bought a horse last year that was marketed as a Quarter Horse-cross mare. Days after getting her home, Cheyenne discovered that she had a lip tattoo. Turns out Gypsy was a Thoroughbred and her registered name was Pretty Accolade (by Proud Accolade). Gypsy didn't win a race at the track (her best finish was a 3rd at Parx in 10 starts, albeit with Jose Ortiz aboard), but she has proven her worth as a pleasure horse, and in Western tack.

Cheyenne has started showing again this year in Western Ranch Riding classes and Gypsy has handled everything like a pro. She even goes bridleless for Cheyenne at home, cantering around the ring in just a neck strap. Just another way these Thoroughbreds display their willing attitude and athleticism when their racing careers are done.

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## ...or Racing Over Jumps



Icandothat (by Divining Rod) clears a hurdle on his way to winning the Maiden race at Potomac Hunt Races on 5/21.



Icandothat (#2, by Divining Rod) holds on to defeat Love Saga (#15, by Mosler) at Potomac Hunt races.

Photos: Bob Keller

Speaking of other things Thoroughbreds can do, how about steeplechase and hurdles? Springtime is the season for jump races, and some not-yet-retired racehorses were showcasing their talents over fences at the Potomac Hunt Races on Sunday, May 21st. There were two CLF-sired Maryland-breds running in a Maiden Hurdle race going 2 miles and they finished 1-2.

Icandothat, a Divining Rod gelding bred and raised by Vivian Rall about 15 minutes from Country Life, won the race with Love Saga, a Mosler filly bred by Country Life & Sagamoon partners, finishing a close 2nd. He may not be finished flat racing either, as he was entered in a turf race at Delaware Park recently.

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## May Foals

(click pictures for links to Ellen's galleries)



**Amber Empress-  
Divining Rod filly**

May 2nd 2023 at 8:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Erana Shattock**

**Practically Dizzy-  
Divining Rod filly**

May 3rd 2023 at 12:48 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by MCA Racing Stable**

**Starr Of Quality-  
Improbable colt**

May 6th 2023 at 10:33 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Starr of Quality LLC**

**Chrissa-  
Lumino colt**

May 6th 2023 at 11:50 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by MCA Racing Stable**

One Two Three Go -  
Lumino colt

May 7th 2023 at 5:06 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by MCA Racing Stable**

Timeless Treasure -  
Mitole colt

May 9th 2023 at 12:56 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by RDM Racing Stable**

Grammy Times Six -  
Engage colt

May 13th 2023 at 8:15 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Dreamtime Stable LLC**

Annie Trust -  
Known Agenda filly

May 21st 2023 at 3:34 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles Parker, Barak  
Farm**



Miss Nosy -  
Lumino colt

May 21st 2023 at 6:38 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by MCA Racing Stable

Patsy's Holiday -  
Win Win Win filly

May 29th 2023 at 9:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Mike & Marie Trombetta

*Our 2023 Foaling Season is over - thank you to the owners who trusted us with their mares to foal this year. We foaled 79 mares resulting in 46 colts and 33 fillies. Videos of all births are on our Foaling channel on YouTube, link below. See you there live next year!*

Foaling Channel

## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

### **DIVINING ROD**

**HIDDEN SPRINGS:** 5/4 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Dale N. Krapf; owner Runnin Shoes Stable; trainer Kimberly Graci)

**MR. MOX:** 5/6 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Mrs. Glen R. Martin; owner Walter B. Doggett III; trainer Ferris Allen, III)

**DIVINE FASHION:** 5/6 at CT, Starter Allowance (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

**WONDER WATER:** 5/12 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Missy Rules LLC; owner LBR Racing Stable; trainer Richard Sillaman)

**WATER WITCH:** 5/13 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner James C. Wolf; trainer Anthony Farris)

**PRECIOUS AVARY:** 5/27 at MTH, Allowance (breeder/owner Smith Farm & Stable; trainer Timothy Shaw)

**DIVINE FASHION:** 5/27 at CT, Starter Allowance (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farris)

**DIVINING HUMOR:** 5/28 at LS, Maiden (breeder Paul Pruett; owner/trainer Jayde J. Gelner)

**WILLOW WOOD:** 5/29 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Ken Lowe; owner Lael Stables; trainer Arnaud Delacour)

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## **MOSLER**

**MOSES WATER:** 5/25 at CT, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Union Waters LLC; owner Longball Stables LLC; trainer Anthony Farris)

**ESPERANNA:** 5/26 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Moonlit Malibu LLC; owner Robert D. Bone and Edward Brown, Jr.; trainer Anthony Farris)

**PRIMORDIAL FEAR:** 5/30 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Joey Gee Thoroughbreds; owner FF Racing Stables; trainer Felix Flores-Coba)

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## **FRIESAN FIRE**

**SKIMBLE SHANKS:** 5/10 at PENN, Starter (breeder Warrior's Reward LLC; owner Rock Bottom Ranch and Warrior's Reward LLC; trainer Sandee Martin)

**ANNIKA GOLD:** 5/27 at MTH, Claiming (breeder Richard Simoff; owner Roslyn Ann Davis; trainer Ricardo Bailey)

**WILLFUL DESIRE:** 5/29 at PIM, Claiming (breeder/owner Bell Gable Stable LLC; trainer Richard Sillaman)

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

**FRENCH TOAST (Tonalist - Miss Pauline)** - Claiming win on 5/20 at PRX.  
Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss Pauline LLC; owned by Jimmie Gordon Gilbert; trained by Leslye G. Bouchard

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