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Newsletter



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FASIG-TIPTON DECEMBER MIXED SALE

on Tuesday, December 5th

Country Life is prepping 10 weanlings and 8 mares for the upcoming Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale on Tuesday, December 5th. Consigned with agent Bill Reightler in Barns I-J, some of the sires represented by the weanlings we are offering include **Higher Power, Improbable, Independence Hall, Jimmy Creed, Divining Rod** and **Friesan Fire**.

We are also dissolving some partnerships and offering a few nice mares: **Basedonatruestory in foal to Divining Rod** (she's the dam of a \$95,000 yearling), broodmare prospect **Combat Queen (an earner of \$329,450)**, **Hiding in foal to Divining Rod** (dam of a \$170,000 yearling) and **Indexation in foal to popular first-crop yearling sire Vekoma**.



[Hip 13](#)

Basedonatruestory, in foal to Divining Rod



[Hip 14](#)

Jimmy Creed - Basedonatruestory filly



[Hip 18](#)

Divining Rod - Blisstikus colt



[Hip 25](#)

Combat Queen (earner of \$329,450)



[Hip 47](#)

Divining Rod - Grecian Maiden colt



[Hip 54](#)

Hiding, in foal to Divining Rod



[Hip 55](#)

Independence Hall - Hiding filly



[Hip 59](#)

Divining Rod - In Dad's Wallet colt



[Hip 60](#)

Indexation, in foal to Vekoma



[Hip 61](#)

Improbable - Indexation colt



[Hip 64](#) - Joseph Potato

Divining Rod - Silent Wisper colt



[Hip 96](#)

Higher Power - Playful Love colt



[Hip 103](#)

Divining Rod - Reappearance colt



[Hip 120](#)

Friesan Fire - Sugar Shack colt

MARES PURCHASED AT KEENELAND SOLD OUT



**In It For the Gold, in foal to
Authentic - \$75,000 purchase**



**Kenda, in foal to Olympiad -
\$70,000 purchase**

The two mares we purchased at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale sold out within days of their purchase. The first mare, In It For the Gold, is in foal to 2020 Champion 3-year-old Male and Horse of the Year Authentic. A few hips later we purchased Kenda, a stakes-winning mare in foal to first year stallion Olympiad, a fast son of Speightstown.

Congratulations to our savvy partners who jumped in on these broodmares:

In It For the Gold

Dennis Bartos, MD
Peter Bloom, CT
Randy Blurton, TX
Tim Burr, MA
Joe Fonte, MD
Guidera McKenney Equine LLC, FL
David & Diana Sedney, VA
Mike Stone, VA

Kenda

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Guidera McKenney Equine LLC, FL
High Peak Farm LLC, KY
Jim Kuhlman, VA
David Nathans, NC
David & Diana Sedney, VA
John & Jane Siegel, FL
Nathan White, AR

THANKFUL FOR OUR TEAM



In this season to be thankful, we look back at 2023 and are reminded of how talented our team of horsemen and women are. You won't find a better staff of dedicated, professional people than we have at Country Life and Merryland and we owe our success this year to them.

From left to right, starting in front row (kneeling): Comptroller Greg Hare, CLF Broodmare Manager Cheyenne Piccolo, Dr. Russ Jacobson, DVM, Checko Gutierrez, Mike Pons, Armando Gutierrez, Josh Pons, rider Alejandro Bricena-Nava, rider Brett Owings, Merryland Trainer Sonja Aleksic.

Back row: Office Manager Sallyellen Hurst, Stallion Manager Jerry Zavala, Bookkeeper Rochelle Allgeier, Fabian Herrera, Fabian Herrera Jr., Maintenance Supervisor TJ Stone, Maurilio Gutierrez, Jesus Gutierrez Jr, Merryland Broodmare Manager Kim Crowell, Equipment Maintenance Manager Bobby Flock, Jesus Gutierrez, Nacho Zavala, Rica Gutierrez, rider Milan Milosevic (with daughter Lenka), Photographer Ellen Pons, Project Manager Jeff Clute, General Manager Christy Holden. Not pictured: rider Dustin McWilliams, foaling attendants Katie Franczkowski and Amanda Sinchak.

Click the link below to see what races we're watching this week!

Races We're Watching

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

ICANDOTHAT: 11/4 at MTP, Maiden Hurdle Race (breeder/owner Vivian Rall; trainer Sean McDermott)

LIVING WATER: 11/15 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; owner/trainer Silvino Ramirez)

DATTSAFANCYFOX: 11/15 at MNR, Allowance (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner/trainer Javier Suarez)

WILLOW WOOD: 11/16 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Ken Lowe; owner Lael Stables; trainer Arnaud Delacour)

DRY WELL: 11/25 at CT, Allowance (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; owner AJ Will Win Stables, LLC; trainer Henry Walters)

MOSLER

CASAMO: 11/4 at MTP, Maiden Hurdle Race (breeder/owner South Branch Equine LLC; trainer Sean McDermott)

BAY STREET: 11/10 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Greycross Stable LLC; trainer Katharine M. Voss)

LIGHT UP MY LIFE: 11/14 at MVR, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Jackie Smith; trainer Justin Radosevich)

MYSISTERNANCY: 11/24 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner John Williamson, III; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

FOOL YOURSELF: 11/25 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Marathon Farms, Inc.; owner Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.; trainer Annette Eubanks)

FRIESAN FIRE

KISSED BY FIRE: 11/11 at DMR, Allowance (breeder Barak Farm & Sharon Dodgen; owner Exline-Border Racing LLC, Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, LLC, Ocean Reef Racing and Aaron Kennedy; trainer Peter Eurton)

THENCOMEMORNING: 11/23 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Donald Clifford Wilson; owner Roger B. Sterling; trainer David Howard)

EMBERLY: 11/25 at CT, Claiming (breeder Nancy Camp; owner/trainer Miguel Ramos Agosto)

MY DEVILS CHILD: 11/28 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Ed Madden; owner Just In Time Racing LLC; trainer J. Guerrero)

SKIMBLE SHANKS: 11/30 at PEN, Starter (breeder Warrior's Reward LLC; owner Rock Bottom Ranch & Warrior's Reward LLC; trainer Sandee Martin)

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:

ACE NINE NINE (Super Ninety Nine - Smash Review) - Starter win on 11/19 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by Robert R. Beck; trained by David Howard. Lifetime earnings \$215,544



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