



## March 2024

### **\$400-Million Investment in the Future of Maryland Racing and Breeding**



A binding agreement between The Stronach Group (owners of Pimlico and Laurel) and the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (subject to legislative approval) was announced in this morning's Baltimore Sun, as well as the Thoroughbred industry trade periodicals. To read the details, click on link to today's *BloodHorse*:

This is a watershed moment in the long history of Maryland's Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry. We will keep our newsletter followers apprised of the progress of this exciting development.

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**BROODMARE PARTNERSHIPS:  
"Never Follow an Empty Wagon...  
Nothing Ever Falls Off Them."**



That's the advice of Hall of Fame horseman John Nerud, of Dr. Fager fame.

And well, well, well. Look what just fell off the wagonful of fast horses in the pedigree of our 2023 Keeneland November broodmare purchase KENDA:

Her 1/2-sister Goods and Services produced last Saturday's Gr. 3, \$400,000 Tampa Bay Derby winner DOMESTIC PRODUCT. With his gritty stretch drive in the Tampa Bay Derby, the 3-year-old colt by Practical Joke now stands in 3rd-place on the Kentucky Derby points chart, behind Timberlake and Dornoch. Domestic Product is a homebred for Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables.

Meanwhile, "Aunt Kenda" is due to deliver a Maryland-bred at Country Life in early April by Gainesway's popular young stallion Olympiad, then visit the court of freshman sire and 2022 Champion 2-year-old colt Forte at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky.

Country Life Farm, for our popular Broodmare Partnerships, purchased Kenda for \$70,000 at the 2023 Keeneland mixed sale, on the advice of bloodstock advisors John and Sandy Stuart of Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services. Herself the winner of the \$75,000 Special Goddess Stakes at Santa Anita, Kenda also is the dam of a Gun Runner 4-year-old named Leading Contender. Also owned by Klaravich Stables, Leading Contender won an \$80,000 Aqueduct allowance and has finished second twice in New York

allowances since our purchase of Kenda. The mare has a yearling filly by Darley's young sire Maxfield, and a 2-year-old colt by City of Light named Filoso.

We are grateful for our partners in Kenda for playing the mid-market broodmare game with us: Dr. Peter Bloom (Connecticut); Randy Blurton (Texas); the LLC of Jim Guidera (Florida) and Dave McKenney (Virginia); John Stuart's High Peak Farm (Kentucky); Jim Kuhlman (Virginia); David Nathans (North Carolina); David and Diana Sedney (Virginia); John W. Siegel (Florida); and Nathan White (Arkansas).

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## **ST. PADDY'S DAY ENTRIES FOR COUNTRY LIFE RACING PARTNERSHIP FILLIES**

Wishing for the luck of the Irish in the 3rd race at Laurel this Sunday, March 17. Our two top yearling purchases of 2022---Amie's Symphony and Audibly---face off against each in a seven-horse Maiden Special Weight field with a \$47,000 purse. They are race-and-returns from trainer Mike Trombetta's base at the Fair Hill Training Center in Northeast Maryland.

The Mendelssohn filly Amie's Symphony is a Maryland-bred we purchased for \$155,000 from the Northview Farm consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall sale at Timonium. The Audible filly Audibly is a Kentucky-bred we purchased for \$107,000 from the Runnymede Farm consignment at the Fasig-Tipton October sale in Kentucky.

Amie's Symphony ran a determined second at Laurel last out, and Audibly's chart notes from her debut read: "bumped and carried out multiple paths leaving the gate" and still she came on gamely to run fourth last month. Watch the Laurel card in between green beers this Sunday, and box the Country Life exacta of Amie and Audibly. We are certain the partners in these two well-bred promising fillies will be at the track or watching TVG.

Partners in Amie's Symphony: Bell Gable Stable (Florida); Randy Blurton (Texas); Cape Fear Thoroughbreds (North Carolina); Kevin Edwards (Maryland); Guidera/McKenney LLC (Florida/Virginia); Tim Hulings (Virginia); Tom Knapp (Maryland); Jim Kuhlman (Virginia); and Frank Morgan (Maryland).

Partners in Audibly: Randy Blurton (Texas); Carol Brdecka (Illinois); Cape Fear Thoroughbreds (North Carolina); Ed Furman (Maryland); Guidera/McKenney (Florida/Virginia); George Sheehan (Virginia); and Jim and Carol Tanzola (Pennsylvania).

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# Send Your Horses To Our "University of Merryland" Training Center



Do you have a 2-year-old not quite ready to send in to the racetrack? Or a winter campaigner who needs freshening before the summer season? If you want what is best for your horses, send them to our Merryland Training Center.

A five-eighths mile, beautifully maintained training track. Round pens for layups. A Eurociser for legging up and cooling out. A Puett Starting Gate for an education in the importance of a fast break. Merryland is fully equipped.

Most importantly for success with racehorses, you need a professional staff. Under the guidance of farm trainer Sonja Aleksic and our veteran riders Milan Milosevic, Brett Owings, Alejandro Bricena and Jose Silva, Merryland is sending out winners up and down the East Coast.

In the past six months, a number of Merryland graduates have won their racing debut, including **Miss Harriett**, now a multiple stakes winner. Her owner/breeder

Dave Baxter, longtime patron of Maryland racing, has been sending his young stock and layups to Merryland for years.

Other first-out winners include **Valleyshark** for owner/breeder Frank A. Bonsal, Jr., at Laurel on February 3, trained by Merryland's very own Milan Milosevic; **Stop Being Greedy** for owner/breeder Black Star Stable at Charles Town on February 17; and **Stickwiththecolors** for owner/breeder Jay Williamson at Laurel on February 23.

Other recent Merryland graduates include **Amore d'Oro**, who won a \$57,000 Maiden Special Weight at Parx on March 4 for trainer Tim Shaw and owners Bo and Stella Smith; **Hemp**, another Dave Baxer-homebred, winning a \$38,000 race at Laurel on February 9 for trainer Brandon MacFarlane; **Swiftsure**, an Uncle Mo gelding who won an \$88,000 Aqueduct allowance for a syndicate of owners for trainer Horacio De Paz; and Grade 3-winner **Greeley and Ben**, who returned from a one-year layoff to win two in a row at Laurel in December, including the Dave's Friend Stakes, for trainer De Paz and owner Darryl Abramowitz.

Start your young horse the right way and get your older horse back in racing fitness at the "University of Merryland," the finest prep school on the way to the Winner's Circle.

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## Pony Racing Clinic

More than 25 young riders took part in our annual Pony Racing Clinic at Merryland on Sunday, February 25th. Organized and taught by Regina Welsh of the U.S. Pony Racing Association, the event is always a excellent learning experience for this sport's next generation.

Not only are they learning to ride, pretty fast on our racetrack, but also learning the fundamentals of horsemanship, an advantage in their careers on the track or on the farm.

Click the photo below for a link to video from the day.





## **Nurse Mares**

### **Vital Gift For Orphaned Foals**



Losing a broodmare after foaling creates hardships not just for her orphan foal but for the foal's owners and caretakers. Having access to a nurse mare makes things much easier on everyone. Nurse mare providers, however, were criticized because their mares had to deliver a foal in order to produce milk for

their adopted foals. Their birth-foals would be bottle-fed, raised by hand, to allow their birth-mare to be leased out.

Enter the advances in hormonal milk induction, whereby a non-pregnant mare can be brought to her milk. Nurse mare organizations now often find productive lives for retired broodmares, or for mares who are incapable for health reasons of delivering a foal.

Former Country Life resident mare Streak of Hope had two difficult deliveries due to dystocia births. Her owner wanted to find her a good home. We contacted "Nursemares of the Northeast." They had requests for nurse mares at their Kentucky division, and so we sent her to the Bluegrass. This year she was the first mare called upon when foaling season began, and the photo (above) shows her relishing her new role. Thus the saying: BLESSED ARE THE BROODMARES, HEAVEN SENT THE NURSEMARE!!!

## February Foals

(click on picture for link to gallery)

### Kasserine Pass - Shancelot Colt

February 2nd 2024 at 8:04 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Barak Farm (Charles  
Parker)**

### Joy In Jerusalem - Hightail filly

February 3rd 2024 at 10:19 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Warning Drums  
Racing LLC (Laura Catlett &  
Tammy Gibbs)**



Rotate -  
Mosler filly

February 5th 2024 at 10:41 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Mrs. Adele Dilschneider**

Miss Nondescript -  
Take Charge Indy colt

February 6th 2024 at 1:30 am



Foaled in Virginia at Locust Hill

**Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss  
Nondescript Broodmare LLC**

Requesting -  
Thousand Words colt

February 8th 2024 at 4:41 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Barak Farm (Charles  
Parker)**

ReachReachReach -  
Win Win Win filly

February 10th 2024 at 11:40 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Ed Hart**



Make Amends -  
Mandaloun filly

February 12th 2024 at 8:35 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm & Make  
Amends Broodmare LLC**

Resilient One -  
Greatest Honour filly

February 12th 2024 at 5:41 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Barak Farm (Charles  
Parker) & Dinos Thoroughbreds  
LLC (Dean Barber)**

Tripscar -  
Mosler colt

February 14th 2024 at 4:20 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Barak Farm (Charles  
Parker)**

Hot Fun -  
Greatest Honour filly

February 16th 2024 at 10:26 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Randy Ridgely**

# Playful Love - Vino Rosso colt

February 28th 2024 at 12:02 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Guidera McKenney Equine LLC

[Foaling Webcam](#)

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## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

### DIVINING ROD

**JUDGEMENT DAY:** 2/1 at CT, Maiden (breeder Timothy & Judith Grams; owner Grams Racing Stable; trainer Tim Grams)

**LIQUIDATOR:** 2/2 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owner/trainer Joanne Shankle)

**SHEHERHERS:** 2/3 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Basedonatruestory LLC; owner James Chambers, Gary Hacker & Dean D'Camera; trainer Tim Keefe)

**BO'S BOURBON:** 2/3 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Clover Hill Farm; owner Larry Metz and Robert D. Bone; trainer Kieron Magee)

**DIVINE PROMISE:** 2/9 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm, Divining Rod Syndicate and Mr. & Mrs. Talbot Albert IV; owner Larry Metz; trainer Bruce Kravets)

**DATTTSAFANCYFOX:** 2/13 at MVR, Claiming (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner/trainer Javier Suarez)

**STICKWITHTHECOLORS:** 2/23 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner John "Jay" Williamson, III; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

**DATTTSAFANCYFOX:** 2/28 at MVR, Claiming (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner/trainer Javier Suarez)



Judgement Day, by Divining Rod

Coady Photo

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### **MOSLER**

***BANDITS WARRIOR:*** 2/2 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm; trainer John J. Robb)

***MOSLER TIME:*** 2/10 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Carl Lanier; owner Durr Racing Stable and Shawn Newsome; trainer Cathal Lynch)

***WATERWORKS:*** 2/18 at TAM, Claiming (breeder Wes Carter; owner Wadie F. Khalaf; trainer Christos Gatis)

***MOONSAFE:*** 2/21 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Fifteen Moons LLC; owner Richard Dancsok; trainer Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr.)

***CAPTAIN QUINT:*** 2/23 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm, Paul Berube and Karen Linnell; owner Paul Berube & Karen Linnell; trainer Michael E. Gorham)





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Jim McCue photo

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### **FRIESAN FIRE**

***NAUGHTY STREAK:*** 2/16 at CT, Maiden (breeder/owner William B. Bayne, Jr. and Super C Racing, Inc.; trainer Hugh McMahon)

***MY DEVILS CHILD:*** 2/16 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Ed Madden; owner Just In Time Racing LLC; trainer J. Guadalupe Guerrero)



Naughty Streak, by Friesan Fire

Coady Photo

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

**SHEHERHERS (Divining Rod - Basedonatruestory)** - Maiden win on 2/3 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm & Basedonatruestory LLC; owned by James Chambers, Gary Hacker and Dean D'Camera and trained by Tim Keefe. She's the first winner for Basedonatruestory.

**ACE NINE NINE (Super Ninety Nine - Smash Review)** - Starter Allowance win on 2/4 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by Robert R. Beck and trained by David Howard. This warhorse has now earned \$255,794 in his 51 starts.

**RUN LAURA RUN (Overanalyze - Laura's Moon)** - Claiming win on 2/23 at Penn National. Bred by Country Life Farm & Laura's Moon LLC; owned by Lucas Racing Stables Inc. and trained by Bonnie Lucas.

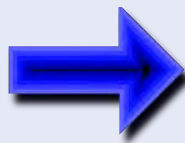




**Sheherhersh, bred by Country Life Farm & Basedonatruestory LLC**

Jim McCue photo

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