



May 2024

**The Plan:
MAKE THE BEST MARYLAND-BREDS
The Result (so far):
"FULMINEO"
Bred by Country Life & Starr of Quality LLC,
winner of \$100,000 James W. Murphy Stakes
on Preakness Undercard**



Four years ago, Country Life embarked on a business plan to dramatically improve the quality of our broodmare band. With our 10-member LLC structure familiar to breeders, at no markup from wholesale to retail, we set off for Kentucky.

At the 2020 Keeneland November breeding stock sale, on the advice of our longtime bloodstock agents John Stuart and his son Sandy, Mike Pons bid \$72,000 for a young stakes-winning mare named Starr of Quality. She was carrying her first foal, from the cover of promising Spendthrift Farm sire Bolt d'Oro.

The following spring in the foaling barn at Country Life, Starr of Quality produced a muscle-rippling colt. Accepted into the 2022 Saratoga select yearling sale, that colt brought a bid of \$90,000 from Starlight Racing. They named him "Fulmineo," Italian for lightning.

Starlight may have caught lightning in a bottle, as Fulmineo last year ran second in the Grade 2 Pilgrim Stakes, finished creditably in the 2023 Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, and this past weekend at Pimlico, the big brown colt stormed from the outside post to win the \$100,000 James W. Murphy Stakes by two lengths. A bright future awaits him as the grass season gets fully underway.

In the meantime, we have bred his dam Starr of Quality to top Kentucky sires. Her 2023 Gun Runner yearling brought \$775,000 for our partners at Saratoga. That filly is in training and preparing for her 2-year-old debut.

Starr of Quality has a yearling colt by Improbable pointing for fall sales, and a colt at her side by Gun Runner's son Cyberknife.

If you would like to learn more about Country Life's future breeding partnership plans, call us or send us a note. We invite you to come out to Country Life and Merryland now that the bulk of the mares we bred in Kentucky this spring are returning home to Maryland. Come this fall, come with us to Kentucky. Be a part of Maryland's exciting future with the best Maryland-breds we can make.

The members of the Starr of Quality LLC:

1. Dr. Peter Bloom, Connecticut
2. Timothy Burr, Massachusetts
3. Country Life Farm, Maryland
4. Kevin Edwards, Maryland
5. Joe Fonte, Maryland
6. Jim Guidera and Dave McKenney, Florida and Virginia
7. High Peak Farm (John Stuart), Kentucky
8. Harold Rottman, Maryland
9. David and Diane Sedney, Virginia
10. Mike Stone, Virginia

**Where Are They Now:
Let's Play Nine**



Let's Play Nine was always a head-turner. The Super Ninety Nine gelding out of Arch Enemy was foaled at Country Life for breeder Charles Parker in June of 2016.

Country Life purchased him for \$43,000 as a yearling to put into a racing partnership. He got off to an exciting start, winning three of his first four races--- all in allowance company. He developed some back soreness in the spring of his 4-year-old year and never regained his winning form after some time off.

Not wanting to drop him down the claiming ranks, our partners voted to retire him. We brought him home to Merryland. St. Omer's Farm manager Nicole Martin came to see him. She was looking for a big, handsome off-the-track Thoroughbred to retrain for local Thoroughbred shows. She fell in love with him instantly and took him that day.

"Archie," as he was called, was not an easy ride, but he was so athletic. Nicole patiently endured his temper tantrums. They made a good match.

Three years later, their hard work is paying off. Last weekend at the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Horse Show at Tranquility Manor Farm, Archie and Nicole earned Reserve Champion in the Dressage Suitability Division.

How we love seeing our former athletes embark on successful new careers. We wish Archie and Nicole all the best in their future endeavors.



April (and May) Foals

(click on picture for link to gallery)

Danica -
Mandaloun colt
April 3rd 2024 at 1:30 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Jann Anderson

Moon Vision -
Known Agenda colt
April 3rd 2024 at 6:30 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &
Moon Vision Broodmare LLC**

Serena's Joy -
Lookin At Lucky colt

April 4th 2024 at 8:21 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Warning Drums Racing

Jennemily -
Practical Joke filly

April 6th 2024 at 7:06 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &
Jennemily Broodmare LLC**

War Value -
McKinzie colt

April 9th 2024 at 9:06 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm & War
Value Broodmare LLC**

Captive Melody -
Global Campaign filly

April 14th 2024 at 9:05 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Warning Drums Racing

One Massive Cat -
Kobe's Back colt

April 15th 2024 at 10:26 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Rob & Mary Atkinson

Giuliana Vee -
Tonalist colt

April 16th 2024 at 10:17 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Warning Drums Racing

Missy Rules -
Greatest Honour colt

April 20th 2024 at 7:15 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &
Missy Rules Broodmare II LLC**

Kenda -
Olympiad colt

April 23rd 2024 at 5:56 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &
Kenda Broodmare LLC**

**Fluxx -
Blofeld filly**

April 23rd 2024 at 10:01 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Holly House Farm

**Starr Of Quality -
Cyberknife colt**

April 29th 2024 at 4:17 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

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

**And last but not least,
our only May foal...**

**Rysy -
Blofeld filly**

May 7th 2024 at 12:35 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles Parker and Dean
Barber**

Our 2024 Foaling Season ended in a much closer Filly-Colt ratio than it started. After the fillies got a big lead into March the colts started catching up, and the final count was 24 fillies - 21 colts. You can see all of their birth videos at the link below, and we look forward to the next crop in 2025! See you in January!

[Foaling Videos](#)

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

[DIVINING ROD](#)

SHEHERHERS: 4/6 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Basedonatruestory LLC; owner James Chambers, Gary Hacker and Dean D'Camera; trainer Tim Keefe)

ICANDOTHAT: 4/13 at TRY, Claiming Hurdle (breeder/owner Vivian Rall; trainer Sean McDermott)

DIVINE ROMANCE: 4/23 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC; owner Jagger Inc. and Longball Stables LLC; trainer Jamie Ness)

DIVINE CHILD: 4/28 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm, Sue Ann Mancilla & Susan Scheffres; owner Susan Scheffres and Sue Mancilla; trainer Carlos A. Mancilla)

MOSLER

QUINT'S BREW: 4/5 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm; owner Paul Berube, Karen Linnell and Heather B. Hunter; trainer Michael E. Gorham)

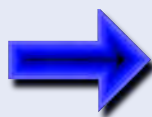
LOVE SAGA: 4/6 at ODH, Maiden Hurdle (breeder Country Life Farm & Sagamoon LLC; owner Lucy Howard's Ivy Hill Stable; trainer Sean McDermott)

FRIESAN FIRE

SHADY MUNNI: 4/7 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis; owner Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger, Inc.; trainer Jamie Ness)

BURNINGUPTHEDOUGH: 4/13 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner William Bayne & Super C Racing; trainer Hugh McMahon)

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