

## August 2024

### CLF-BRED COLT BRINGS \$200,000 AT SARATOGA



Yaupon - Make Amends colt

It takes years for breeding plans to bear fruit. In 2021, Country Life began acquiring select racemares in foal to fashionable Kentucky stallions. At that year's Keeneland November sale, our bloodstock advisor John Stuart of Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services tipped us onto a mare by former Country Life stallion Malibu Moon. Named Make Amends, she came from a deep family from famed Pin Oak Stud. We bid \$82,000 for her, in foal to Maclean's Music. We kept 10% of her and sold 10% interests (at no markup) to the following

partners:

Dr. Peter Bloom; John and Marcia Courson; Kevin Edwards; Dave McKenney/Jim Guidera LLC; Christa Localla, David Nathans, Melanie Sabelhaus, and Rebecca Shepherd.

We foaled the Maclean's Music (a colt) at Country Life in 2022 and sold him as a weanling at Fasig-Tipton's Night of the Stars for \$140,000. We foaled the Yaupon colt at Country Life in 2023, and he was purchased from us for \$200,000 on August 5 at the select Saratoga sale in the name of Havertz Stable.

Make Amends produced a 2024 filly by Into Mischief's Gr. 1-winning son Mandaloun. We left the mare open for an early breeding date in 2025.

To be competitive in today's breeding and racing world, you need top stock. If you are interested in participating at the "next level" in this business, reach out to us for upcoming offerings.

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## **Alert: Race Changes This Weekend**

While we welcome some rain to relieve the drought this summer, tropical storm Debby's arrival is a downer, causing Laurel, Colonial Downs and other tracks to reschedule their racing cards a bit this weekend. Country Life had 4 fillies entered in turf races on Friday and Saturday at both Laurel and Colonial Downs. Laurel has cancelled their entire card for Friday, so both Ariel Moon and Lady Ensign will look to re-enter another day.

Colonial moved their Thursday and Friday cards to Monday and Tuesday, 8/12 and 8/13 while bumping Saturday's Festival of Racing card to Sunday, 8/11. That should allow our two fillies, Audibly and Incisive Kitten, to remain on the turf in the 1st race on Sunday.

Along with Colonial's move from Saturday to Sunday, Saratoga is also considering pushing their Saturday turf stakes races (3 of them graded) to Sunday. CLF-bred multiple stakes winner FULMINEO was cross-entered in both the G2 Secretariat Stakes at Colonial (now on Sunday) and the G1 Saratoga Derby Invitational Stakes (still scheduled for Saturday at Saratoga as of press time), so we'll wait to see which race trainer Arnaud Delacour picks for the son of partnership mare Starr of Quality.

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## **90th-ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARYLAND HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION YEARLING SHOW**



Keeping great Maryland traditions alive, Maryland's oldest Thoroughbred farm exhibited nine yearlings at this year's 90th annual Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show.

Three of the nine Country Life yearlings came home with ribbons:

- Divining Rod - Miss Nondescript colt - 5th out of 12
- Bolt d'Oro - Lunar Rille colt - 2nd out of 19
- Known Agenda - War Value filly - 2nd out of 14

We also made waves showing a rare Palomino thoroughbred filly named Divine d'Or, by Divining Rod, who was a hit with spectators. The annual Yearling Show continues its importance on the Maryland calendar as a gathering place for the stalwart breeders of Maryland foals. It is also an excellent schooling experience for these yearlings as they begin prepping for the fall sales. Look for a number of these quality Maryland-bred yearlings to be offered at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in Timonium on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.



Divining Rod-Miss Nondescript colt placed 2nd in his class for MD-sired/MD-bred colts.



Bolt d'Oro-Lunar Rille colt earned 2nd place in the out-of-state sired MD-bred colts class.



The Known Agenda-War Value filly placed 2nd in her class for out-of-state sired MD-bred fillies.



A rare breed---a registered Thoroughbred Palomino---named Divine d'Or (by Divining Rod) was the talk of the show.

## SECOND CAREER: POLO PONIES



Former partnership filly Dixie Divine (leading) is finding her niche on the polo field.



No longer a broodmare, Scarfire (chestnut in front) has become a top polo pony.

In the past few years, we've re-homed many off-track Thoroughbreds to second careers as riding or show horses. However, the safe landing route is harder on Thoroughbreds who are small-sized. One discipline that loves small horses is polo.

Kathy Fowser, a member of the Brandywine Polo Club in Chester County, Pennsylvania, often calls us looking for small fillies to add to her polo-pony training program. Fowser has a reputation for developing Thoroughbreds into exemplary polo ponies. Professional polo players trust her judgment and look to her for their next polo mount.

For example, Fowser worked with a Friesan Fire filly named Scarfire---a 15-hand, 7-year-old former broodmare, and turned her into a top mount at the

Brandywine Polo Club. Two years ago, we gave her a former Country Life racing partnership filly named Dixie Divine: the filly is now the favorite mount of the USPA Women's Interscholastic Champion Kylie Beard. The 18-year-old rider trains with Fowser and now wants to take Dixie Divine to Florida as her main mount this winter.

One other former partnership horse learning about being a polo pony is the filly Calm n' Collected. Fowser received her from us last year to put into her training program. A young student of hers named Joaquin Vilgre from South America fell in love with the chestnut filly and is now training her in Virginia (photo below).

We're happy to see these horses excelling in their new careers and wish them the best of luck in their future matches.



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## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

### **DIVINING ROD**

**MR. MOX:** 7/5 at CT, Claiming (breeder CLF & Mrs. Glennie Martin; owner Larry Brafman; trainer David Walters)

**SHEHERHERS:** 7/6 at LRL, Claiming (breeder CLF & Basedonatruestory LLC; owner Old Coach Farm; trainer Michael Gorham)

**HANKSDIVININGROD:** 7/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder CLF & Watrugonnadorosie LLC; owner AJ Will Win Stables LLC; trainer Henry Walters)

**SUNFLOWER STATE:** 7/6 at LRL, Maiden 2 yo (breeder Dr. Douglas K. Daniels; owner Virginia Equine PLLC; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

**DIVINE FASHION:** 7/12 at CT, Starter (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

**WATER WITCH:** 7/17 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Arriagada Racing LLC; trainer Juan Arriagada)

**RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY:** 7/17 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Michael S. Moriarty; trainer Ronald Dandy)

**BATON:** 7/25 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Helen C. Alexander; owner Jagger Inc. and Longball Stables LLC; trainer Jamie Ness)

**GHOST OF ALCINA:** 7/26 at CT, Claiming (breeder Cristina Vena; owner Cristina V. Mosby; trainer Kristy Gazzier)

**WHERE IS LISA:** 7/27 at BTP, Maiden (breeder Fred T. Lewis DVM; owner Lisa Tiemeyer Stable, LLC; trainer Jerry Antonuik)

**PRECIOUS AVARY:** 7/31 at DEL, Allowance (breeder/owner Smith Farm & Stable; trainer Tim Shaw)



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## **MOSLER**

**PAY ZONE:** 7/5 at GP, Starter (breeder CLF & Keep Right LLC; owner Lawson Racing Stables; trainer Rohan Crichton)

**CAPTAIN QUINT:** 7/8 at DEL, Starter (breeder CLF, Paul Berube & Karen Linnell; owner Paul Berube and Karen Linnell; trainer Michael Gorham)

**GAVICHI:** 7/9 at PRX, Claiming (breeder James Anderson; owner/trainer Scott Lake)

**NEXT EPISODE:** 7/11 at CNL, Allowance (breeder CLF & Rue de Rivoli LLC; owner/trainer Niall Saville)

**BANDITS HEART:** 7/18 at CNL, Claiming (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm; trainer Gina Robb)

**MY SUZIE Q:** 7/29 at TDN, Allowance (breeder Adele B. Dilschneider; owner Jason DaCosta and Stacey Ondercin; trainer Jason DaCosta)



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### **FRIESAN FIRE**

**PEACE FIRE:** 7/2 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Flying H Stables, LLC; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

**HOT LOOKIN ROYAL:** 7/6 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Annette Eubanks & Dan Eubanks; owner Annette Eubanks and Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.; trainer Annette Eubanks)

**SKIP THRU DA FIRE:** 7/7 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Barak Farm & Dino's Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jose Corrales)

**DON'T GET CAUGHT:** 7/7 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Barak Farm; owner WWCD, LLC; trainer W. Robert Bailes)

**FREEZE THE FIRE:** 7/12 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Carl Lanier; owner Pepe Stable and JLM Jacona Stable; trainer Jose Magana)

**LANDON JACK:** 7/12 at CT, Claiming (breeder Fred T. Lewis DVM; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

**EMBERLY:** 7/20 at CT, Starter (breeder Nancy Camp; owner Bush Racing Stable; trainer Anthony Farrior)

**ROUNDBBALL:** 7/24 at PID, Maiden (breeder Sharon Dodgen & Barak Farm; owner/trainer Tim Girten)

**SKIMBLE SHANKS:** 7/25 at PEN, Allowance (breeder Warrior's Reward LLC; owner Bush Racing Stable; trainer Timothy Kreiser)



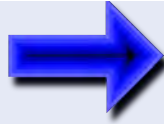
**OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:**

**FULMINEO (Bolt d'Oro - Starr of Quality)** - Boston Stakes win on 7/13 at Colonial. Bred by Country Life Farm & Starr of Quality LLC; owned by Starlight Racing and Mark B. Grier and trained by Arnaud Delacour. The multiple stakes winner has earned \$254,275 so far in his career. Ellen Pons photo





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