

October 2024

MARYLAND MILLION

This Saturday, Oct. 12, at Laurel
Featuring Country Life Racing Partnership filly
DIVINE WORKS in \$100,000 Lassie



When Maryland-bred DIVINE WORKS made her racing debut at Saratoga

on August 30, her 10 partners and their racing friends hurried to the Spa to send her off as the 2-1 favorite in an \$80,000 Maiden Special Weight event. She ran great but ran into a buzzsaw from trainer Gary Contessa's barn. DIVINE WORKS finished a game second, earned \$16,000, and has that experience to help her in this Saturday's Maryland Million Lassie Stakes.

DIVINE WORKS is the latest Maryland standout for Country Life sire DIVINING ROD. She was bred in Maryland by longtime Country Life patron Katy Merryman Voss, from whom we purchased her for \$42,000 at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale.

Good racing luck to DIVINE WORKS on Saturday. Partners in this talented filly are:

1. Randy Blurton, TX
2. Tom Brannock, VA
3. Dave Callan, MD
4. Cape Fear T'Breds, NC
5. Country Life, MD
6. Allen and Alma Garst, MD
7. Jonathan Johnson, CT
8. P.A. Keating, MD
9. Kay Minton, VA
10. Guy Pastore, PA

NEXT UP:

FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY OCTOBER YEARLINGS FASIG'S "NIGHT OF THE STARS" AND KEENELAND NOVEMBER

"Never follow an empty wagon," advised Hall-of-Fame trainer John Nerud. "Nothing ever falls off them."

Words to *buy* by, if you are buying horses: Follow full wagons. For example, Country Life and Partners bought the stakes-winning Bodemeister mare KENDA for \$70,000 at Keeneland in November of last year. Two months earlier, her City of Light yearling colt had sold at Keeneland for \$210,000.

Named FILOSO, KENDA's now-2-year-old colt broke his maiden at Saratoga, and last Saturday at Keeneland, he closed hard to finish third in the Grade 1, \$600,000 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, earning an important 4 points towards an entry in the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, a \$2-million, Grade 1

fixture.

While we don't know for certain if FILOSO will be entered at Del Mar for the Breeders' Cup, his first cousin DOMESTIC PRODUCT is on target for the \$1-million, Gr. 1, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (click [link](#)). KENDA'S ½-sister GOODS AND SERVICES is the dam of DOMESTIC PRODUCT, whose win in the Gr. 1 H. Allen Jerkens Stakes at Saratoga in August earned him 20 points on the road to the Breeders' Cup.

If you are interested in participating in a breeding partnership with Country Life, let's follow full wagons around in Kentucky at the November mixed sales. Click [here](#) to get on our list so you aren't shut out of what we buy.

We will be there on Day One of the sales, Monday, Nov. 4, offering stakes-winner GALILEI from our stable of racing partnerships at Fasig-Tipton's "Night of the Stars" sale. GALILEI won the 2023 Brookmeade Stakes at Colonial Downs in the orange-and-blue silks of Country Life, and she has earned \$184,793. She may try to reach the \$200,000 mark with one final start at Laurel prior to her retirement.



Here's hoping for more fruit to fall from the pedigree wagons of Country Life's broodmares and racehorses.



Our Keeneland 2023 November purchase KENDA, dam of 2yo Gr.1-placed FILOSO, as well as of \$310,000 Maxfield yearling filly of 2024 (for former owners).



FILOSO broke his maiden at Saratoga in his 2nd start and ran 3rd in G1 Breeders Futurity at Keeneland. Maybe Breeders' Cup Juvenile next?

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



NYQUIST - HOKEY OKEY



DIVINING ROD - FIFTEEN ROYALS

Amidst the excitement surrounding this weekend's Maryland Million event and next month's Breeders' Cup races, partners hopped into two new Country Life filly racing partnerships from Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic Fall sale on Oct. 1.

The lone filly by red-hot Kentucky sire NYQUIST came into the Timonium sales ring four hips from the end of the 284-yearling auction. Just minutes earlier, a NYQUIST colt had sold for \$150,000 --- second-highest price of the sale. We felt fortunate to land the NYQUIST filly for \$70,000. She is being started under saddle at our Merryland Farm training center and will go to the Middleburg Training Center in November for 6 months to become VA-certified.

Shortly after her arrival at Merryland, her sire NYQUIST was represented by Godolphin's IMMERSIVE in the Gr. 1, \$600,000 Darley Alcibiades Stakes at Keeneland. She won with ease, and is now the favorite for the Nov. 1, \$2-million, Gr. 1-Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar.

Way earlier in the sale, Hip #15 strode into the ring, the first foal for our Fifteen Royals Broodmare LLC. An early baby (born Feb. 2, 2023), this fine filly by home sire DIVINING ROD (by Tapit) had trained for 30 days at Merryland before the sale and went right from the sale to the Middleburg Training Center to become Virginia-certified as we quickly assembled a 10-share racing partnership at \$1,000 per share.

The future of Maryland racing is presently secured by the state's acquisition of Pimlico and the Preakness Stakes, backed by a \$400-million bond issue. With our eyes on the future, Country Life will continue shopping for racing prospects at the season's final yearling sale: Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Sale, Oct. 21-24. Please reach out to us if you would like immediate notice of our late-October purchases.

Thank you to our partners in the new LLC's:

Kentucky-bred NYQUIST Filly:

1. Mike Stone, VA
2. David & Diana Sedney, VA
3. John and Marcia Courson, AZ
4. Bob Kern, DE
5. Greg Shelton, TN
6. Matt Brunner, MD
7. Guy Pastore, DE
8. Glennie Martin, MD
9. Ann Bruha, MD
10. Cape Fear T'Breds, NC

Maryland-bred DIVINING ROD Filly:

1. Mike Stone, VA
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4. Don Walsh, MD
5. Lucy Howard, MD
6. Al Petrillo, MD
7. Mark O'Neill, MD
8. Jonathan Johnson, CT
9. Andrea Perry, IL
10. Tom Esposito, CT

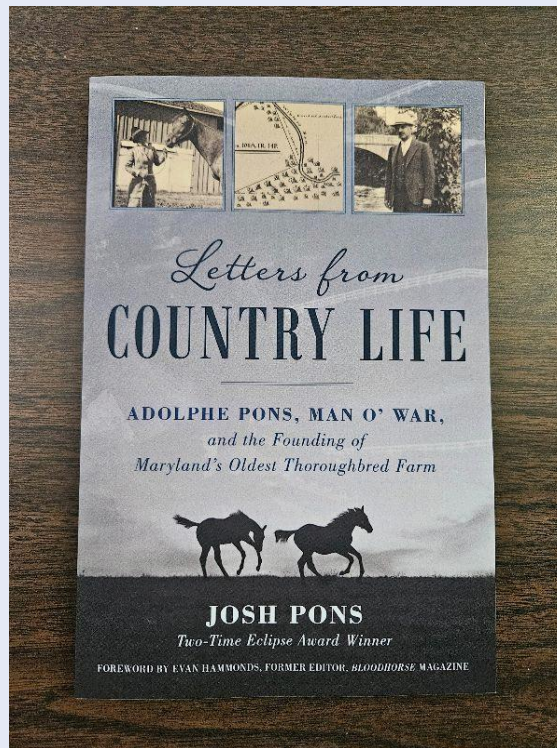
Reminder:
AUTUMN DAY IN THE COUNTRY
At MERRYLAND FARM
This Sunday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-to-2 p.m.
Featuring Book Signing of newly released
"Letters from Country Life"

Who can resist an October Sunday communing with horses and horse folks, feasting on Maryland cream-of-crab soup and enjoying good conversation? This year's party in the country comes just as a new book on Maryland's oldest farm has been published by Eclipse Press.

The popular three-year *BloodHorse* column known as "Rockland Farm" has been reformatted and rewritten as: ***Letters from Country Life: Adolphe Pons, Man o' War, and the Founding of Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*** (click book below for link to order). Two-time Eclipse Award-winning writer Josh Pons is the author of this 200-page account of Maryland horses and horsemen. And just re-released by Eclipse Press for a second printing is Pons'

sold-out 2007 book: **MERRYLAND, Two Years in the Life of a Racing Stable**, also available at our Sunday party.

On the day after the Maryland Million, we invite you to spend a day in the country. Please RSVP to sallyellen@countrylifefarm.com or phone the farm office at 410-879-1952. Thank you.



Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

DIVINE FASHION: 9/1 at TIM, Starter (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

HANKSDIVININGROD: 9/13 at DEL, Starter (breeder Country Life Farm & Watrugonnadorosie LLC; owner AJ Will Win Stables LLC; trainer Henry Walters)

WHERE IS LISA: 9/14 at BTP, Claiming (breeder Fred T. Lewis, DVM; owner Lisa Tiemeyer Stable LLC; trainer Jerry Antonuik)

QUANTICO CREEK: 9/14 at CT, Claiming (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd; owner Timothy Freitag; trainer Ryan Gillespie)

LIVING WATER: 9/18 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; owner Stevark Stable, Inc.; trainer Bruce Kravets)

BREAKING RULES: 9/20 at CT, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owner Oswald H. Redman; trainer Linda Albert)

VODKATINI: 9/27 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Original 6 Stable; trainer Michael Gorham)

DIVINE FASHION: 9/27 at CT, Starter (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

MOSLER

MYSISTERNANCY: 9/1 at TIM, Claiming (breeder/owner John "Jay" Williamson III; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

WATERWORKS: 9/2 at MNR, Allowance (breeder Wes Carter; owner Emerald Spring Stable LLC; trainer Eddie Clouston)

SAXTON: 9/4 at CNL, Maiden (breeder Lazy Lane Farms, LLC; owner Lynch Racing LLC and Nick Sanna Stables LLC; trainer Cathal A. Lynch)

MOSLER TIME: 9/7 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Carl Lanier; owner Durr Racing Stable and Shawn Newsome; trainer Cathal Lynch)

FULL MOON LOVER: 9/12 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Ronney W. Brown & Nicole Freelund Brown; trainer Ronney W. Brown)

RUE DE MOSEL TOV: 9/20 at MED, Maiden (breeder Highclere Inc.; owner Adam Staple; trainer Brittany T. Russell)

LEAVE 'EM LOADED: 9/24 at PID, Claiming (breeder Kathleen Willier; owner Gretta Sherman and Joseph Musarro; trainer Joseph Musarro)

FRIESAN FIRE

ROUNDBBALL: 9/2 at PID, Claiming (breeder Sharon Dodgen & Barak Farm; owner/trainer Tim Girtten)

KISSED BY FIRE: 9/2 at DMR, Allowance (breeder Barak Farm & Sharon Dodgen; owner Commonwealth Thoroughbreds LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, Ocean Reef Racing and Aaron Kennedy; trainer Peter Eurton)

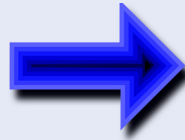
BON FIRE DIVA: 9/25 at FL, Claiming (breeder Louis Carrico; owner/trainer Omani Williams)

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners or Stakes Results:

COVERT KAT (Run Away and Hide - Fat Kat) - 1st in Claiming race at Laurel on 9/7. Bred by High Peak Farm LLC; owned by Country Life Farm and trained by Michael Trombetta. This is the third win for our hard-knocking racehorse who has earned \$176,970 so far in his career.

INCISIVE KITTEN (Kitten's Joy - Athenian (IRE)) - 1st in Maiden race at Laurel on 9/13. Bred by Green Lantern Stables, LLC, owned by Country Life Farm and trained by Michael Trombetta.

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