



February 2025

**JUST ANNOUNCED:
CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLDS**

**Maryland-Bred Filly SHKHARA FIRE
by Friesan Fire**

**Virginia-Bred Colt SAXTON
by Mosler**



The Champion 2-YEAR-OLDS of 2024 for Virginia and Maryland have been announced with Country Life sires represented by the top Virginia-bred 2-year-old colt and top Maryland-bred 2-year-old filly.

Mosler's son SAXTON was Virginia's champion colt and Friesan Fire's daughter SHKHARA FIRE was crowned Maryland's champion filly.

Saxton, bred in Virginia by Lazy Lane Farms and trained by Cathal Lynch, was 2-for-5 last year and earned \$110,400. He broke his maiden on debut at Colonial Downs and won an Allowance at Laurel before finishing 3rd in the James F. Lewis III Stakes and 2nd in the Maryland Juvenile Stakes.

Shkhara Fire was bred in Maryland by Charles Parker and Dean Barber under their Barak Farm & Dino's Thoroughbreds LLC banner. Racing for her breeders, she broke her maiden in her second start at two and won the \$100,000 Maryland Million Lassie Stakes. She earned \$104,090 as a Juvenile and is trained by Jose Corrales.

Congratulations to our fine breeders and to their talented racehorses.

TOP OLDER MALE IN THE MID-ATLANTIC?

**Mosler's son
QUINT'S BREW**



Jim McCue photo

The top older male in the Mid-Atlantic right now must be Maryland-bred Quint's Brew. The 4-year-old son of Mosler is 4-for-5 with two straight stakes wins.

After winning the \$75,000 Jennings Stakes on Jan. 18 by six lengths, earning a 114 Equibase Speed Figure, the dark bay gelding came back to dominate the \$200,000 General George Stakes on February 15. He drew away to win by more than five lengths as the 4-5 odds-on favorite, posting a 118 Equibase Speed Figure and a 99 Beyer Speed Figure.

Bred in Maryland by Paul Berube, Karen Linell, and Spinnaker Hill Farm, Quint's Brew races for the partnership of Berube, Linell, and Heather Hunter. Quint's Brew is out of the Jump Start mare Gansett and is trained by Edward "Ned" Allard. His connections say they may be pointing him for the Carter Handicap on April 5 at Aqueduct, a Grade 2, \$300,000 handicap at seven furlongs.

TRIPLE CROWN SEASON



Passion Rules, by Friesan Fire, is undefeated in two starts for Calumet Farm and Brad Cox

The road to the Kentucky Derby is heating up, but the list of Triple Crown nominees has been building since the fall. While some nominated horses haven't made their first start yet, just being nominated means their connections see promise in their training.

Country Life Farm is excited to see a few names nominated to the Triple Crown with whom we have a direct connection.

First is a son of Friesan Fire who is now 2-for-2 in his career: **Passion Rules**. Trained by Brad Cox, **Passion Rules** races for historic Calumet Farm, who purchased the colt for \$40,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in 2023 from breeders Charles and Cynthia McGinnes. The Maryland-bred is out of the Touch Gold mare Goodnight Angel. After breaking his maiden at Fair Grounds in his late January debut, the colt won again on Feb. 22.

Country Life and our partners in the Make Amends Broodmare LLC are the breeders of Triple Crown nominee **Modus Bestia** (by Maclean's Music). His dam is by Malibu Moon, who sired his 56th Graded Stakes Winner last weekend when Quieside won the Gr. 3, \$500,000 Honeybee Stakes at Oaklawn.

Modus Bestia races in California for Richard Baltas and finished second on debut in a Maiden Special Weight at Santa Anita in January. The colt was purchased out of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2023 for \$500,000 by Calvin Nguyen and Joey Tran after being sold by Country Life as a weanling for \$140,000 to Prego Bloodstock.

There are also three horses on the nomination list whose dams or granddams are in Country Life breeding partnerships. **Filoso**, a City of Light colt out of partnership mare Kenda, broke his maiden at Saratoga in August and followed that up with a third-place finish in the Grade 1 Claiborne Breeders Futurity at Keeneland in October. He's pointing for the Tampa Bay Derby next as a prep for the Wood Memorial. The colt races for Gold Square LLC and is trained by Chad Summers. **Thought Control** is an unraced son of Gun Runner out of partnership mare In It For the Gold who has been working well at Gulfstream Park. And **Remember Big Jim** is a Medaglia d'Oro colt out of multiple graded stakes-placed Mayla (a daughter of partnership mare Fifteen Moons); he races in New Mexico.

January Foals
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**Glittering Judy -
Drain The Clock colt**

January 22nd 2025 at 12:07 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Tanterra Stables
(Wendy Komlo & Drew Komlo)**

**Grecian Maiden -
Friesan Fire filly**

January 26th 2025 at 11:21 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &
Denise Burbury-Muston**

**Miss Nondescript -
Mandaloun filly**

January 29th 2025 at 10:29 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

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

Foaling Webcam

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

STICKWITHTHECOLORS: 1/17 at LRL, Allowance (breeder/owner John "Jay" Williamson, III; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

BREAKING RULES: 1/17 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life/Stone LLC; owner Oswald Redman; trainer Michael Jones, Jr.)

DAZZY: 1/31 at AQU, Starter (breeder Robert Manfuso; owner Super C Racing & Jamie Ness; trainer Jamie Ness)

SWEET TALIA: 1/31 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC; owner/trainer Brandon McFarlane)

JUDGEMENT DAY: 1/31 at CT, Allowance (breeder Timothy & Judy Grams; owner Grams Racing Stable LLC; trainer Timothy Grams)



Stickwiththecolors, by Divining Rod

MOSLER

FULL MOON LOVER: 1/2 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Ronney & Nicole Brown; trainer Ronney Brown)

SAPONARA: 1/9 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Guadalupe Perez Aquirre; trainer Elisha Perez)

QUINT'S BREW: 1/18 at LRL, Jennings Stakes (breeder Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm; owner Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Heather Hunter; trainer Edward Allard)

SIR CHANCE A LOT: 1/26 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Bell Gable Stable; owner Larry Rabold; trainer Hugh McMahon)



Sir Chance a Lot, by Mosler

FRIESAN FIRE

WILLFUL DESIRE: 1/3 at AQU, Claiming (breeder Bell Gable Stable; owner Prestine Racing; trainer Linda Rice)

LUZIA: 1/3 at CT, Claiming (breeder/owner Cristina Vena Mosby; trainer Kristy Gazzier)

SKIMBLE SHANKS: 1/8 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Warrior's Reward LLC; owner Bush Racing Stable; trainer Timothy Kreiser)

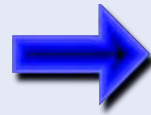
PASSION RULES: 1/27 at FG, Maiden (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owner Calumet Farm; trainer Brad Cox)

LUZIA: 1/29 at CT, Claiming (breeder/owner Cristina Vena Mosby; trainer Kristy Gazzier)



Passion Rules, by Friesan Fire

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