

October 2025

country life connections at DEL MAR and LAUREL to BREEDERS' CUP WEEKEND

As partners in Country Life horses gather for Breeders' Cup "Watch Parties" on Friday, Oct. 31, and on Saturday, Nov. 1, take note of these local connections to racing's Biggest Day:

INCISIVE KITTEN

At 8:25 PM (ET) Friday at Del Mar, partners in our winning Kitten's Joy filly INCISIVE KITTEN will be rooting for her Grade 1-winning half-brother ARGOS in the \$1-million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Red-hot rider Flavian Prat elected to keep the mount on ARGOS after guiding him to win Woodbine's "Win-and-You're-In" Summer Stakes last month. ARGOS's race is carded as the 10th on the Breeders' Cup "Future Stars" Friday.

(*Country Life bought INCISIVE KITTEN as a yearling for \$32,000.)

AS THE BELL TOLES

At 3:38 PM Friday at Laurel, partners in our 2-year-old Mitole filly

AS THE BELL TOLES will be watching her in a \$47,000 Maiden Special race. Her trainer and co-breeder, Mike Trombetta, will be at Del Mar giving Hall-of-Fame rider John Velasquez a leg up on undefeated ULTIMATE LOVE in the \$1-million John Deere Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (post time 7:05 PM Eastern).

(*Country Life bought AS THE BELL TOLES as a 2-year-old for \$75,000.)

MAKE AMENDS

At 1:40 PM (ET) Saturday at Del Mar, partners in our broodmare MAKE AMENDS will be watching her 3-year-old son MODUS BESTIA in the 2nd race on the Breeders' Cup Classic undercard. Coming off a sizzling Maiden win at Del Mar last month, MODUS BESTIA is the likely favorite in a \$175,000 Non-Winners of 2 allowance.

(*Country Life bought MAKE AMENDS for \$82,000 carrying MODUS BESTIA. He brought \$140,000 as a yearling. Last month at Keeneland, MAKE AMENDS' yearling filly by Mandaloun brought \$70,000.)

DIAMONDQUIST

At 4:02 PM Saturday at Laurel, partners in our 2-year-old Nyquist filly DIAMONDQUIST will be watching her debut in a \$47,000 Maiden Special. We're hoping Nyquist's son ARGOS wins on Friday night at Del Mar and that DIAMONDQUIST wins at Laurel on Saturday, a promising weekend on tap for the sire.

(*Country Life bought DIAMONDQUIST for \$70,000 at the 2024 Timonium yearling sale.)

ARIEL MOON

At 12:45 PM Saturday at Laurel, partners in ARIEL MOON will be watching her in the 3rd race, going 5 1/2-furlongs on the grass. The Maryland-bred daughter of MOSLER just might kick off Breeders' Cup Saturday on a winning note for the locals.

(*Country Life and partners in the Fifteen Moons LLC bred and race ARIEL MOON.)

Keep these POST TIMES handy for quick reference, and we hope you enjoy this Breeders' Cup weekend.

"AMIE'S SYMPHONY"

THREE IN A ROW
FOR MARYLAND-BRED,
VIRGINIA-CERTIFIED FILLY



The Country Life-formula of sending our Maryland-bred youngsters to Virginia for their six months of certification has certainly borne fruit this season-especially for our 4-year-old Mendelssohn filly AMIE'S SYMPHONY. Over the past summer, she won back-to-back allowances at Colonial, then ran her streak to three-in-a-row with her win at Laurel on October 19. Her lifetime earnings are \$191,265 in 10 starts.

Trainer Mike Trombetta is considering a grass stakes in New York in November for her next start. Thank you greatly to this filly's commendable partners, who patiently waited for her to get through some minor issues as a 3-year-old to see her mature into a winning 4-year-old this season.

OUR LATEST MARYLAND-BRED YEARLING OFFERINGS:

In training now with Chris Kolb at the Middleburg Training Center,

becoming VIRGINIA-CERTIFIED

(*100% Tax Depreciation in 2025)



By Derby winner MANDALOUN 1/2-Sister to MODUS BESTIA Leggy Yearling Filly Two shares @ \$7,000/share



Sired by PRACTICAL JOKE Yearlings Avg \$149,000 Powerful Yearling Filly Two Shares @ \$4,200/share

Galloping now in Middleburg are this select pair of fillies, by Mandaloun and Practical Joke (both are sons of 7-Time Leading Sire Into Mischief).

At the recent Keeneland September Yearling Sale, each filly was appraised at public market valuation for their respective Country Life Breeding Partnership. That established their offering price as fresh assets for newly formed Country Life Racing Partnerships. It also availed LLC partners of the significant tax advantages under the new 100% depreciation rules on Thoroughbred purchases "placed into service" in 2025. (Yearlings are placed into service when they begin the breaking process.)

Our emphasis is on Maryland-breds who become Virginia-certified. With Colonial Downs' re-emergence (after being shut down from 2014 to 2019) into today's vibrant racing destination, Country Life is maximizing the earning potential of our racing partnerships. We annually select our top racing prospects to spend six months becoming Virginia-certified. Our success in Virginia in recent years has tracked Colonial's newfound prominence.

In 2018, we bought an \$87,000 Virginia-bred filly from Morgan's Ford Farm. Named Bella Aurora, she won or placed in six stakes, earned \$225,000, and we sold her in foal to Authentic for \$300,000.

In 2019, we bought a Virginia-bred filly by Twirling Candy from the Iselin estate for \$20,000. Named Virginia Beach, she won two stakes at Colonial and earned \$150,000.

In 2020, we bought a Virginia-bred filly by Lemon Drop Kid from Audley Farm for \$92,000. Named Galilei, she won two stakes at Colonial and earned \$175,000.

If you want to participate in this lucrative Virginia program, look closely at these two fillies:

With 85 yearlings sold at auction this year, <u>Practical Joke</u> averaged \$149,000. This filly out of Jennemily (Hip #3684) was purchased by Country Life for \$42,000 (syndicating into 10% shares at \$4,200 each). Her dam Jennemily was fast---running Thoro-Manager speed figures of 8's and 9's at Aqueduct and Laurel.

Kentucky Derby winner <u>Mandaloun</u>'s first crop of yearlings averaged \$110,000 as 78 went through public auction. Our \$70,000 Keeneland purchase (10% shares at \$7,000; Hip #2461) is out of the Malibu Moon mare Make Amends, who ran speed figures of 7 and 9.

You already read that she is a 1/2-sister to Modus Bestia, who broke his maiden with a Beyer speed figure of 99. If he runs well on the Breeders' Cup undercard, his trainer Richard Baltus told us at Keeneland that the colt will be pointed for the Grade 1 Malibu Stakes on December 26 at Santa Anita. What a huge update he could provide for this filly's pedigree.

Click the photos above to go to their partnership pages for details. Contact us to grab one of the last shares in these promising fillies. Get in the game with Maryland-bred, Virginia-certified fillies, with residual value.



The Practical Joke filly and the Mandaloun filly both received their early schooling at our Merryland Training Center (video of them galloping above) before vanning to the Middleburg Training Center on October 29. They will return after six months in Virginia, and be sent to trainer Mike Trombetta's Laurel string.

SOLD OUT!

Country Life's Maryland-bred MCKINZIE colt
out of War Value, by War Front
(10 Shares at \$5,000 each)



With his sire McKinzie (by Street Sense) announced at a \$75,000 stud fee, it made sense for Country Life to acquire this handsome Maryland-bred colt from one of our Breeding Partnerships for \$50,000 at Keeneland last month. The colt returned to Merryland Training Center to begin schooling as ten partners quickly lined up for 10% shares at \$5,000 in this brand-new Country Life Racing Partnership. He will soon join trainer Chris Kolb's barn at the Middleburg Training Center to become Virginia-certified.

In the meantime, McKinzie has two hot horses in Breeders' Cup races this weekend: Grade 1-Pennsylvania Derby winner Baeza in the \$7-million Classic, and Grade 1-winner Chancer McPatrick in the \$1-Million Dirt Mile.

The savvy partners in our new McKinzie colt rooting for Baeza and Chancer McPatrick on Saturday are:

Deb Benner, LA; Aaron Gold, MD; Tom Knapp, MD; Ted McLain, KY; Kay Minton, VA; Pat Quinn, MD; Charles (Chip) Reed, MD; Sally Robinson, OH; David and Diana Sedney, VA; and Christine Simmers, MD.

Stakes Performers

Country Life sires have been represented by a number of stakes horses recently.

Precious Avary (by Divining Rod) was a closing 2nd in the Pinot Grigio Stakes at Monmouth Park on Sept.13.

Thundering (by Mosler) traveled south from Canada for the \$150,000 Kent Stakes at Delaware Park on Sept. 27 and just missed by a nose.

Our sires also enjoyed a very productive 40th running of the **Maryland Million**.

Mo's Glitter, by Mosler, led to the last stride of the \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery but got caught at the wire to finish 2nd. Bred and owned by Wendy & Drew Komlo's Tanterra Stables, he was foaled and raised at Country Life and broken at Merryland.

Sharmin, also by **Mosler**, won a Starter Allowance with Divining Rod's daughter **Divining Smile** coming in 3rd. The best performance of the day came in the \$125,000 Maryland Million Ladies Stakes, when:

Worth a Dime, yet another by **Mosler**, burst between rivals to win by 2 1/2-lengths. Bred and owned by Victor Frenkil's Nancy Lee Farms, the 3-year-old filly is trained by Tim Keefe. **Touisset**, a **Mosler** filly co-bred by Country Life, Paul Berube and Karen Linnell, ran 3rd in that race.

Mosler currently ranks #2 behind only Great Notion on the Maryland sire list by number of stakes horses.



Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY: 9/4 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Roger A. Nickol; trainer Erin McClellan)

NIGHT NURSE: 9/8 at PID, Claiming (breeder Reifsnyders Ag Center & Danielle Marie; owner John N. Poole; trainer Kevin Rice)

ICANDOTHAT: 9/11 at CNL, Allowance (breeder/owner Vivian Rall; trainer Sean McDermott)

SWEET AND FEISTY: 9/13 at DEL, Maiden (breeder James Stevenson; owner/trainer Cesar Nambo)

H TWO O: 9/20 at CAY (JAM), Allowance (breeder John Bashore & Albert Klerlein; owner Carlton St. John Watson; trainer Jason Dacosta)

COLOMA: 9/25 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Caroline & Gregory Bentley Breeders; owner Runnymoore Racing, LLC; trainer Cathal Lynch)

MOSLER

JESSICA'S EYES: 9/6 at CNL, Maiden (breeder Gina Robb & No Guts No Glory Farm; owner No Guts No Glory Farm; trainer John Robb)

MO'S GLITTER: 9/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Tanterra Stables; trainer Kieron Magee)

SHARMIN: 9/12 at LRL, Starter (breeder South Branch Equine LLC; owner Larry Rabold; trainer Hugh McMahon)

WATERWORKS: 9/15 at TDN, Starter (breeder Wes Carter; owner Emerald Spring Stable LLC; trainer Eddie Clouston)

WAR HUMOR: 9/21 at LRL, Starter (breeder Nancy Rizer & Eric Rizer; owner Eric Rizer; trainer W. Robbie Bailes)

NEXT EPISODE: 9/24 at PID, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Rue de Rivoli LLC; owner Kingdom Bloodstock, Inc.; trainer Phil Schoenthal)

FRIESAN FIRE

FAHNEE: 9/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Ann Merryman; owner Gerar Stable; trainer Suzanne Stettinius)

BUCKIN RIGHT: 9/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Super C Racing, Inc.; owner Gabriella Wilhelm; trainer Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon)

ANITA BEER: 9/7 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Matt Spencer & Kelly Cox; trainer Kenneth Cox)

MY DEVILS CHILD: 9/30 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Ed Madden; owner Maria Teresa Orantes; trainer J. Guerrero)

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

AMIE'S SYMPHONY (Mendelssohn - Amie's Legend) - 1st in Allowance at Colonial Downs on 9/1. Bred by Two Legends Farm & Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC; owned by Country Life Farm and trained by Michael Trombetta. This was the 2nd win in a row for this talented filly since getting her on the turf, and she went on to win again on 10/19.

MODUS BESTIA (Maclean's Music - Make Amends) - 1st in Maiden race at Del Mar on 9/7. Bred by Country Life Farm & Make Amends LLC; owned by Calvin Nguyen and Joey Tran and trained by Richard Baltas. This colt was purchased for \$500,000 as a yearling and earned a 99 Beyer Speed Figure in breaking his maiden.

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stallion videos,
training videos and more!













