

## February-March 2026

**BREED AT COUNTRY LIFE,  
RACE ANYWHERE IN THE REGION FOR  
LUCRATIVE BONUSES**



**W**ith the rollout of creative incentives to breed and race in Maryland, let's get some babies in the pipeline now for the bright future of Maryland-breds.

Just pull up charts on Equibase from Sunday, March 22, the day of the Renaissance Awards presentations at Laurel:

Race 5---Starter Allowance, First preference Maryland Million horses, Second-Preference Maryland-bred; \$5,000 to the highest finishing Maryland Million-horse.

And who wins \$5k for running second? Friesan Fire's ANITA BEER.

On to the 6th Race. And who wins the \$5,000 bonus? Friesan Fire's winner FREEZE THE FIRE (now \$326,315 career earnings).

The profitable day for Country Life-sired runners continued in the 8th Race, when Divining Rod's **STRAIGHT TO WATER** captured the allowance feature.

To make future Maryland-breds, simply study the trio of beautifully bred stallions who comprise the Country Life roster. Sons of Tapit, A.P. Indy, and War Front., each of them ---- **DIVINING ROD, FRIESAN FIRE** and **MOSLER** ---- coming off strong results in 2025 carrying into 2026.

Seniority goes to **FRIESAN FIRE**, who earned \$679,356 and was the favorite for the 2009 Kentucky Derby. He sires runners as rugged as he was. Look at the earnings of his Top-5:

1. **FIRE KEY**: \$743,785
2. **LOVE ON FIRE**: \$625,988
3. **CALL PAUL**: \$573,720
4. **ANNIKA GOLD**: \$456,826
5. **FOREST FIRE**: \$437,428

Classics-placed **DIVINING ROD** consistently sires major earners. With new stakes winners in 2025 in **STICKWITHTHECOLORS, MAGIC WALLET, and DIVINE INTENTIONS**, he is siring future Top-5 Earners to surpass this current list:

1. **RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY**: \$375,775
2. **PRECIOUS AVARY**: \$366,068
3. **CLIMBER**: \$333,400
4. **DIVINE FASHION**: \$322,447
5. **NEXT GIRL**: \$320,110

In a breed-to-race state like Maryland, **MOSLER** is the clear bargain. Grass. Dirt. Mud. Snow. Moslers do it all --- for a stud fee of \$2,000. Is there another stallion in Maryland who provides such value for the fee? His son Quint's Brew had an outstanding year in 2025 with multiple graded-stakes placings and leads his sire's Top-5 stakes horses:

1. **QUINT'S BREW**: \$501,240
2. **RESPONSE TIME**: \$497,978
3. **WICKED PRANKSTER**: \$324,531
4. **NEXT EPISODE**: \$301,163
5. **SAFE TRUST**: \$289,815

Breeding to Country Life stallions and then foaling your mares in our state-of-

the-art Foaling Barn (*watch our live Foal-Cam on [YouTube](#)*) entitles you to Maryland-**sired**/Maryland-**bred** rewards: **33.6%** breeder bonuses in all "overnight" races.

Significantly more "mailbox money" accrues *if you race the foal you bred*. The Maryland-bred **Developer Award** (the owner of as of its first start) pays out 15%; and the Maryland-Bred **Owner Award** of 15% is factored into the horse's earnings, for 1st-thru-3rd.

FOR EXAMPLE: A Maryland-*sired*/Maryland-*bred* who wins a \$47,000 Maiden Special Weight at Laurel earns **the equivalent of 100% of the entire pot**:

**Winner's Share = \$28,200, plus**

1. **\$9,475 Breeder Bonus for Md-bred, Md-sired**
2. **\$4,230** Owner bonus (15%)
3. **\$4,230** Developer bonus (15%)
4. **\$1,410** MD Million Maiden Winner bonus (5%)

**Bonuses of \$19,345 plus purse = \$47,545**

In addition, **when Maryland racing is dark** while Delaware Park and Colonial Downs are running this summer, Maryland breeder, owner, and developer awards continue to accrue.

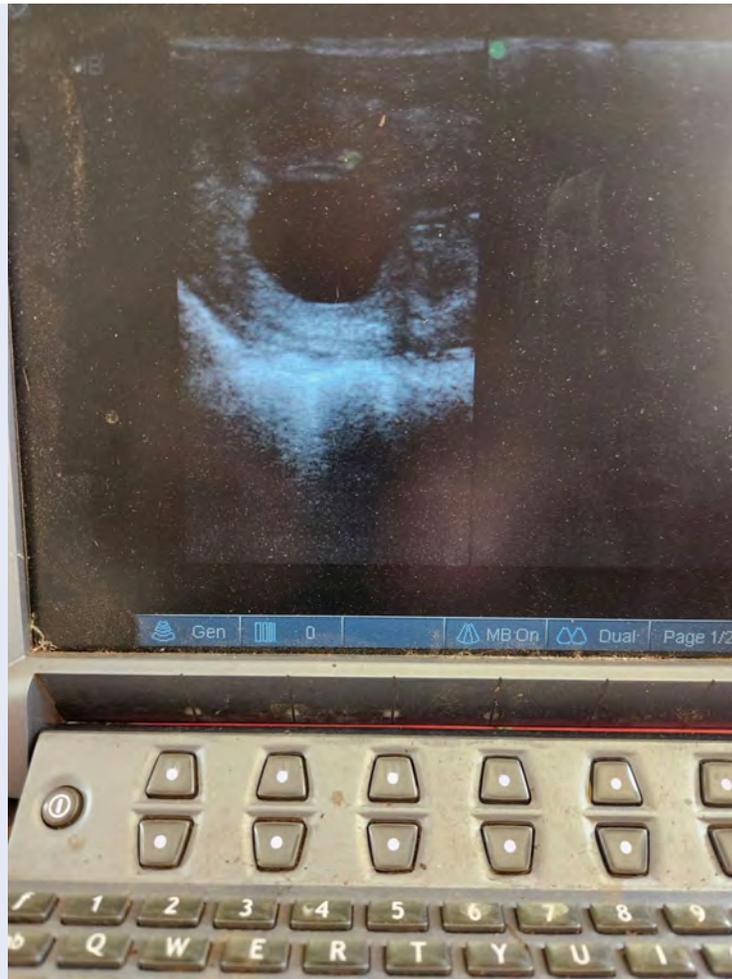
All great reasons to breed and foal at Country Life, break and train at our Merryland Training Center, then race in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.

Give us a call to foal your mares. Inquire which of our fine stallions best suit.

Thank you.

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**NOW MAKING THE 2027 FOAL CROP,  
in MARYLAND AND KENTUCKY**



Country Life's Breeding Partnership mares have been busy visiting Kentucky stallions to create the Foal Crop of 2027. Checked in foal already from a Feb. 15 mating to hot freshman sire CORNICHE is Mosler's stakes-placed daughter NEXT EPISODE. An earner of \$300,000, NEXT EPISODE was recently placed in a Broodmare Partnership for \$1,100 a share after we purchased her for \$11,000 from the January 2026 Fasig-Tipton digital sale. Her 10 partners are:

1. Susan Brenner, CA
2. Tim Burr, MA
3. Vicke Ferguson, AR
4. Mike Greaney, MD
5. Jonathan Johnson, CT
6. P.A. Keating, MD
7. Ted McClain, KY
8. Patrick & Gregory Mullery, NJ
9. Jennifer Small, MD
10. Art Watson, VA

All partners were polled about stallion selection, and the voting favorite was CORNICHE, winner of the 2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Champion 2-Year-Old colt that year. A week after NEXT EPISODE was pronounced in foal, CORNICHE was represented by the Day One Sale-Topper for \$1.35-million at the March Ocala 2-Year-Old sale. See link: ([CORNICHE 2YOS avg \\$650,000](#))

Other Breeding Partnership mares bred for 2027:

Mosler's Maryland Million-winning filly **Miss Nondescript** visited the highly popular Tiz the Law on February 27th and has been pronounced in foal. Tiz the Law just last Saturday sired his latest stakes winner, Eunomia, winner of the \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton Sandy Bottom Stakes at Colonial. He's a red-hot young sire.

A sampling of our 2027 Foal Crop in the making: **Starr of Quality** to Kingsbarns, **Maybe I Will** to Taiba, **Fifteen Royals** to Jimmy Creed, and **Trouville** to Muth ---- the Country Life mares bred in Kentucky thus far this spring.

Meanwhile, here at home, we sent \$244,395-earner **Moon Vision** (out of our foundation Malibu Moon mare **Fifteen Moons**) to Tapit's son Divining Rod after she foaled a beautiful Mosler filly on Valentine's Day. Those increased breeder bonuses for Maryland-bred/Maryland-sired foals influenced our breeding decision for Moon Vision.

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## CURRENT EVENTS LINKS:

MARYLAND HORSE SURVEY DUE BACK BY MARCH 30;

PROGRESS AT PIMLICO BEING TRACKED BY CLARK CONSTRUCTION;

FASIG-TIPTON REVAMPS 2026 TIMONIUM YEARLING SALE

Links to NEWS in Maryland:

The pro-active effort by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association to more fully appreciate the state of this state's Thoroughbred industry is evidenced by the QUESTIONNAIRE currently being circulated. Take a few moments to record your thoughts by opening this link:

[MARYLAND HORSE SURVEY](#)

The vacuum of information regarding progress at Pimlico is being filled by the Clark Construction Company, in charge of rebuilding the famous Maryland race track. Click here for updates:

[Redevelopment of the Pimlico Racing Facility and New Training Facility | Maryland Stadium Authority](#)

And lastly this month, the superb executive office of the Fasig-Tipton Company addresses the changing landscape in the region by updating the format of the venerable Eastern Fall Yearling Sale. Click here for details:

[Fasig-Tipton Revamps Timonium Yearling Sale for 2026 | Fasig-Tipton](#)

## Pony Racing Clinic



Merryland Farm once again hosted the annual Pony Racing Clinic sponsored by the U.S. Pony Racing Association in early March. More than 25 young riders took part in the schooling session, organized and taught by Regina Welsh, Director of the Association, on Merryland's 5/8th-mile training track.

Before mounting their ponies and heading onto the track, the young equestrians were schooled on a racehorse simulator known as an "Equicizer." They learned the proper technique of tacking up their race ponies, as well as how to position their body as jockeys in the saddle while galloping.

The smiles on the faces of the young riders displayed the thrill of galloping on an *actual* racetrack --- and the spirited ponies had fun, too.

Always an excellent learning experience for this sport's next generation, these riders learned fundamentals of horsemanship that will serve them well, no matter what horse sport they pursue in the future.

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**February Foals**  
(click on picture for link to gallery)

Stormy Mistress -  
Blofeld colt  
February 1st at 6:35 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Tanterra Stables/Drew  
Komlo**

Starr Of Quality -  
Forte colt  
February 5th at 9:15 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

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

Maybe I Will -  
Vekoma Filly  
February 8th at 5:46 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Maybe I Will Broodmare LLC**

Fifteen Royals -  
Early Voting Filly  
February 10th at 4:10 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Fifteen Royals Broodmare LLC**

Trouville -  
City Of Light Colt  
February 10th at 10:46 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Trouville Broodmare LLC

Moon Vision -  
Mosler Filly  
February 14th at 9:49 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Moon Vision Broodmare LLC

Foaling Webcam

## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

(January and February)

### **DIVINING ROD**

***DIVINE FASHION:*** 1/13 at MVR, Claiming (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

***FEAR NOTHING:*** 1/23 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

***SUNFLOWER STATE:*** 1/23 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

***CARDINAL CUSHING:*** 2/4 at DED, Maiden (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

***VIOLET'S CHARM:*** 2/11 at TAM, Maiden (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

**FUTURE BLUES:** 2/12 at TAM, Maiden (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

**BALLYCURRIN:** 2/15 at GP, Maiden (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

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## **MOSLER**

**PUT A ROCK ON IT:** 1/3 at HOU, Starter (breeder/owner Barak Farm; trainer Jose Corrales)

**SUZIE Q's SISTER:** 1/12 at MVR, Maiden (breeder/owner Barak Farm; trainer Jose Corrales)

**QUINT'S BREW:** 1/17 at LRL, \$200,000 General George Stakes (breeder Paul W. Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm; owner Paul Berube, Karen Linnell and Heather Hunter; trainer Edward "Ned" Allard)

**ALEA LACTA EST (COL):** 1/23 at CPR (PAN), Claiming (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

**LAST GIFT:** 2/12 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

**PAY ZONE:** 2/13 at CT, Allowance (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

**RAPIDO ROSA:** 2/19 at TP, Claiming (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

**MOON CACHE:** 2/21 at LRL, Allowance (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

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## **FRIESAN FIRE**

**WORLD ON FIRE:** 1/10 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Bell Gable Stable; owner Prestine Racing; trainer Linda Rice)

**BON FIRE DIVA:** 1/14 at PRX, Claiming (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owner Calumet Farm; trainer Brad H. Cox)

**SUGAR ON FIRE:** 1/23 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owner Calumet Farm; trainer Brad H. Cox)

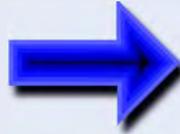
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**OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:**

**JEN D'ORO (Bolt d'Oro - Jennemily)** - Maiden win on 1/24 at Tampa Bay Downs. Bred by Country Life Farm & Jennemily Broodmare LLC; owned by and trained by .

**CREED'S VISION (Jimmy Creed - Moon Vision)** - Maiden win on 2/14 at Tampa Bay Downs. Bred by Country Life Farm & Moon Vision Broodmare LLC; owned by WinStar Farm and trained by Arnaud Delacour.

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