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A PAIR OF SHARES
BEFORE THE TWO NEW MARES
...are "Sold Out"





The Malibu Moon mare SPEAKS FOR ITSELF In foal to Practical Joke $8,000 share	The Medaglia d'Oro mare VERACIOUS APPLAUSE In foal to Mindframe $11,500 share

With the purchase of $80,000 **SPEAKS FOR ITSELF** and $115,000 **VERACIOUS APPLAUSE** earlier this month, Country Life replenished our inventory of Kentucky-quality, commercial broodmares. The goal is to breed and sell their 2027 foals by Practical Joke (2026 fee: $75,000) and Mindframe (2026 fee: $40,000) as weanlings of 2027 or as yearlings of 2028, in select sales at Saratoga or Keeneland. As of this writing, a pair of shares remain before the LLC's are officially SOLD OUT, so please reach out to us promptly.

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF is a Klaravich Stable product, trained by Chad Brown for Boston hedge-fund king Seth Klarman. The mare has a New York-bred Early Voting 2-year-old named Centrist Views, who breezed four furlongs at Churchill Downs, 8th-best of 119, on the 14th and came back to work five furlongs on the 21st in 1:01.6. A Klaravich-homebred, Centrist Views' latest workout can be viewed at this link: CENTRIST VIEWS AT CHURCHILL. This filly's sire ranks high on the 2026 Freshman rankings, as his Grade-1-winning 2-year-old daughter MISS MONICA ran second as favorite in the $1-million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies on Oct. 30.

Racing in Klaravich silks, SPEAKS FOR ITSELF ran a scintillating "9" on Thoro-Manager speed figures in her very first start. Since she is due to foal in February, we decided to keep her in Kentucky, and get an early cover to a Kentucky stallion. Click here for a link to SPEAKS FOR ITSELF's Keeneland catalog page. Her sire, Malibu Moon, began his stud career here at Country Life; his daughter Quietside topped the Keeneland November sale at $5.2-million. Commercial breeders have a high respect for Malibu Moon as a broodmare sire.

VERACIOUS APPLAUSE at $115,000 provided an immediate return on investment when her family was represented 24 hours after we purchased her by trainer Bill Mott's latest budding star: $200,000 Dwyer Stakes winner Stimulate. Mike Pons and Christy Holden had bought the mare the day before the Nov. 7 Dwyer. Stimulate's dam is the $2.6-million-earner Elate, who, like VERACIOUS APPLAUSE, is a daughter of the late, great stallion Medaglia d'Oro.

Veracious Applause has a 2-year-old named Genuine Applause, by Charlatan, who is scheduled to make her racing debut on Sunday at Churchill Downs for trainer Riley Mott. Pregnant to Claiborne Farm's fabulous freshman of 2026 Mindframe (who covered a Claiborne-record 187 mares in his first season), VERACIOUS APPLAUSE is named in honor of the Northern Dancer mare Wild Applause, out of Kentucky Broodmare-of-the-Year Glowing Tribute.

Mares in foal to Mindframe at Keeneland averaged $131,000, with his top mare selling for $335,000. VERACIOUS APPLAUSE is set to deliver her Mindframe foal in early May, and we are leaving her in Kentucky as well, in order to have her available to be bred on a short-cycle heat period after foaling. Click here for a link to VERACIOUS APPLAUSE's Keeneland catalog page.

With only a couple shares left in these mares reach out to us today if you'd like to get in the breeding game with us. Thank you.

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THE TWO (point-one)-MILLION-DOLLAR-MARE



The strategy evident in our two recent Keeneland purchases---SPEAKS FOR ITSELF and VERACIOUS APPLAUSE---is simple: Find value in young mares in the mid-market range, capable of producing exemplary foals.

That formula resulted in Country Life & Partners selecting a $75,000 Speightstown mare at the 2023 Keeneland November sale: IN IT FOR THE GOLD. One hip before the mare, her Maxfield weanling colt brought $240,000. That colt turned out to be Englishman---arguably the fastest horse in training these past two seasons.

Englishman's two Grade One wins at Saratoga this summer, and his narrow and surprising defeat in the $2-million Breeders' Cup Sprint this fall, earned him such respect that when we offered IN IT FOR THE GOLD---in foal on a mare-share arrangement to Spendthrift Farm's 7-Time Leading Sire Into Mischief---the mare brought a final bid of $2.1-million. She was the third-highest-priced in-

foal mare at the Nov. 2 Night of the Stars Sale at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky.

At that same sale, IN IT FOR THE GOLD's weanling colt by Tiz the Law brought $300,000. Combined with the $300,000 sale of her yearling filly by Mandaloun at the Keeneland September sale, partners in the IN IT FOR THE GOLD LLC hit a spectacular trifecta.

The lesson is: You can't win if you don't play. If you would like to be short-listed for future Country Life breeding and racing partnerships, make sure we know that. Send us a quick email to be added to our first-call list.

AMIE'S SYMPHONY WINS AT BELMONT



Amie's Symphony has found her niche in turf races over a mile. In two trips to Belmont Park this fall for rich Allowance races run at 1-1/4 miles on the grass she's finished 2nd and then 1st. She's in top form right now and has earned her way to Florida for a try in the $125,000 Via Borghese Stakes at Gulfstream Park next month.

With earnings of $330,205, adding a little blacktype to her pedigree would be huge. Good luck to Amie - and all of us!

THANKFUL FOR OUR EMPLOYEES



Teamwork makes the dream work. Our 2026 staff deserves a huge thank you for their dedication and round-the-clock efforts. Our crew handled more yearling sale preps and breaking, training and layups than previous years. It takes a team effort to keep two farms looking and operating well all year and they are the reason why we can offer the best care for the horses on our farms.

Bottom row, left-to-right:

Fabian Herrera-Cazares (Merryland staff), Greg Hare (Comptroller), Delaney Bowling (Yearling/Layup Manager), Hillary Fisher (Broodmare Manager), Sallyellen Hurst (Office Manager).

Back row:

Jerry Zavala (Stallion Manager), Ignacio Zavala-Bautista (Merryland staff), Fabian Herrera Jr. (Merryland staff), Sergio Gutierrez-Nunez (Merryland staff), Gunnar Shuler (Training Barn Foreman), Brett Owings (Merryland rider), Maurilio Gutierrez-Mendez (Merryland Maintenance Manager), Milan Milosevic (Merryland rider), Rica Gutierrez-Sepulveda (Country Life staff), Sonja Aleksic (Merryland Trainer), Jesus Gutierrez-Sepulveda (Country Life staff), Christy Holden (General Manager), Ellen Pons, Rochelle Allgier (Accountring), Josh Pons, Alice Pons. (Not Pictured: Mike Pons, Merryland riders Brett Parra-Zerpa and Luis Martinez Barajas).

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

CURLY DIVINING: 10/4 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Carl Lanier/Step Up Thoroughbreds, Inc.; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

UNCLE GENE: 10/7 at BEL, Maiden (breeder/owner Black Star Stable; trainer Anthony Margotta, Jr.)

GOLDEN ELLIE: 10/14 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Gallery Racing Stable; owner Old Coach Farm; trainer Michael Gorham)

WATERING: 10/16 at DED, Starter (breeder Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; owner Paw Paw Pretty Girls Racing LLC; trainer George Leonard III)

BULMA: 10/20 at PRX, Maiden (breeder MCA Racing Stable; owner Magic Stable, LLC; trainer Claudio Gonzalez)

SHEHERHERS: 10/23 at PEN, Allowance (breeder Country Life & Basedonatruestory LLC; owner South Bend Farms LLC; trainer Flint Stites)

DIVINE SEEKER: 10/25 at PRX, Allowance (breeder Smart Angle LLP; owner Smart Angle LLP & Michael Milam; trainer Robert Reid, Jr.)

DIVINE ROMANCE: 10/24 at CMR (PR), Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC; owner Estable Saco E Sal; trainer Javier Rojas)

MOSLER

LAST GIFT: 10/2 at LRL, Starter (breeder Barak Farm; owner Barak Farm Dino's Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jose Corrales)

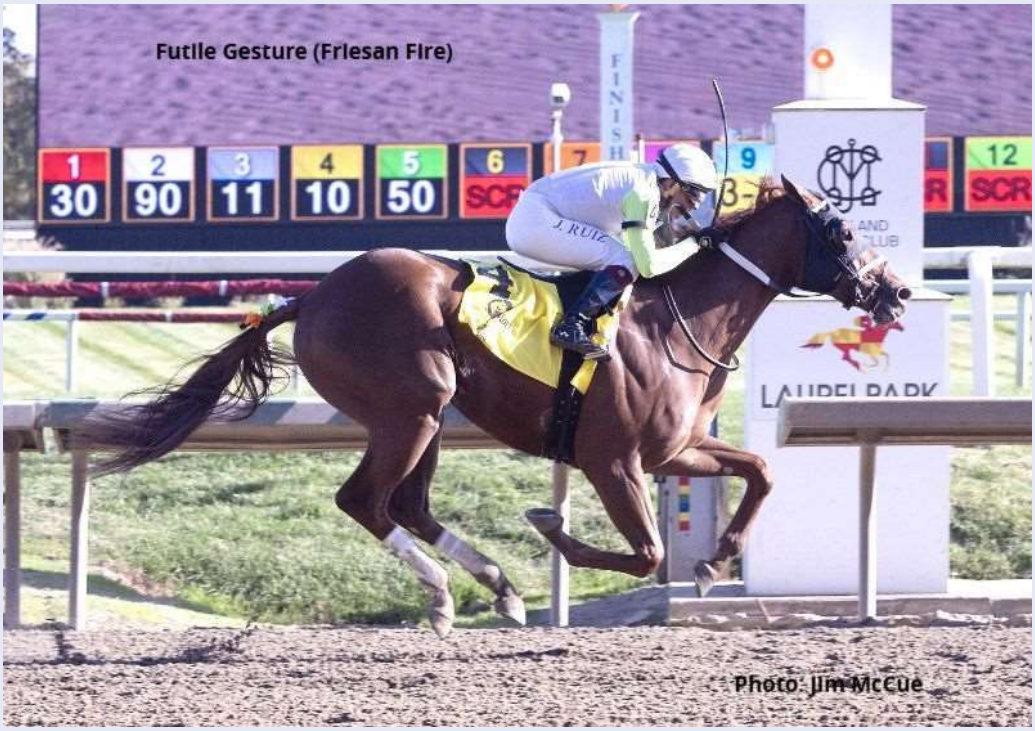
QUINT'S BREW: 10/17 at DEL, $100,000 Wilmington Stakes (breeder Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm; owner Paul Berube, Karen Linnell and Heather Hunter; trainer Ned Allard)

MEREDITHSLIGHTNING: 10/30 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner High Kings Racing LLC; trainer Caitlin Keil)

FRIESAN FIRE

WORLD ON FIRE: 10/9 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Daniel Eubanks & Annette-Eubanks; owner Terry Overmier; trainer Roy Peacock, Jr)

FUTILE GESTURE: 10/24 at LRL, $100,000 MD Million Nursery Stakes (breeder/owner The Elkstone Group; trainer Michael Trombetta)



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

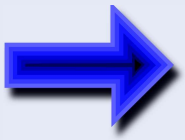
IMPROBABLE DREAM (Improbable - Indexation) - 1st in Maiden race at Charles Town on 10/23. Bred by Country Life Farm & Indexation LLC, owned and trained by Gary Williams, Jr.

MISTER COMERIO (Yaupon - Make Amends) - 2 wins in October at Camarero Racetrack gives him 4 lifetime wins. Bred by Country Life Farm & Make Amends LLC; owned by JBK Racing and trained by Raymond Morales.

WORLD ON FIRE (Friesan Fire - Stormy Mama) - 3rd in $100,000 MD Million Turf Sprint Stakes on 10/24. Bred by Daniel Eubanks & Annette Eubanks, owned by Terry Overmier and trained by Roy Peacock, Jr., this was his first stakes-placing after 5 prior wins, pushing his earnings to $125,860.

THUNDERING (Mosler - Keep Right) - 3rd after an unlucky trip in the $125,000 MD Million Turf Stakes on 10/24, he came back a week later at Belmont to be 2nd by a neck in the $175,000 Knickerbocker Stakes on 10/31. Bred and owned by Jal Dastur's Dastur Racing and trained by Derek Ryan, the multiple stakes-winner is also graded-stakes placed and went over the $400,000-mark in earnings with his two stakes placings in October.

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