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Merryland Training Center



Merryland Farm is the place to send your yearlings to be broken, your young horses to get more of an education, or your layups to recover, refresh and leg up. Our staff, led by farm trainer Sonja Aleksic and seasoned riders Milan Milosevic (also a licensed trainer), Brett Owings, Alejandro Bricena-Nava and Jose Silva-Dominguez, tailors each horse's training program according to what they need.

We have plenty of grass paddocks for turnout, a 5/8ths mile track that is watered and harrowed daily, a 4-stall starting gate, field gallops with hills, sand round pens and a Eurociser walker. Send your horse to the "University of Merryland" to start their training or to refresh and leg up.

Congratulations to the following horses who have won recently after training at Merryland in the past year:

Amore d'Oro (Bo & Stella Smith, trainer Tim Shaw) - 3/4 MSW win

Arrogates Dream (Warning Drums Racing, trainer Milan Milosevic) - 5/25 maiden win

Bail Out (DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC, trainer Horacio dePaz) - 6/7 CLM win
Grammy Girl (Red Storm Stable & Flower Power Stables, trainer Horacio dePaz) - 3/17 MSW win
Lastchance Romance (Bill Benson, trainer Michelle Stowers) - 3/21 maiden & 5/3 SOC wins
Naked and Famous (DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC, trainer Horacio dePaz) - 4/13 SOC win
Stop Being Greedy (Black Star Stable, trainer Anthony Farris) - 2/17 debut MSW win
Striker Has Dial (Chief Horse Futures, trainer Horacio dePaz) - 5/4 debut MSW win
Swiftsure (Liberty House Racing, Twenty-Two Stable, Take a Shot Stables, Club Sixty Five Racing and The Posse Racing Stable, trainer Horacio dePaz) - 3/7 AOC win
Valleyshark (Frank Bonsal, Jr., trainer Milan Milosevic) - 2/3 debut win
Vino Dolce (Richard Burnsworth, trainer Anthony Farris) - 5/30 maiden & 6/13 ALW wins

Bright Future for Maryland Racing and Breeding

One month ago, on this year's Preakness Stakes undercard, members of a Country Life Broodmare Partnership were thrilled to see its Maryland-bred colt FULMINEO romp home in the \$100,000 James W. Murphy Stakes. The colt's dam, the stakes-winning mare STARR OF QUALITY, represents Country Life's strategy to bring the best mares possible to foal in the state of Maryland.

To succeed on Preakness Days of the future—with the increased competition that a new racing facility at Pimlico will attract—will require all Maryland breeders to ramp up the quality of their broodmare bands.

With the July 1, 2024 transition of Pimlico from The Stronach Group to the State of Maryland, and the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority assuming control of both locations on January 1, 2025, we take this moment to list a sampling of the offspring of our Broodmare Partnerships—future stars (we hope) in the Maryland-bred program. The 2024 foals in the list below were among the 45 Maryland-breds born this spring at Country Life under the professional care of General Manager Christy Holden and her excellent foaling team:

COMBAT QUEEN: 7-year-old by A. P. INDY's son CONGRATS, this mare earned \$329,450 primarily in Maryland allowance company. She is pregnant carrying her first foal by 2024 Leading Freshman Sire through June 18: VEKOMA (with six winners from 10 starters, earnings of \$268,341).

FIFTEEN ROYALS: 7-year-old by Belmont Stakes winner PALACE MALICE, this mare is in foal to INTO MISCHIEF's popular son MAXIMUS MISCHIEF on a Feb. 28 cover. (*Her dam is the foundation mare in the Country Life broodmare band, FIFTEEN MOONS)

FIFTEEN MOONS: 18-year-old stakes producer by former Country Life sire MALIBU MOON, she foaled a huge colt by JIMMY CREED in March and is in foal to Florida Derby-winner KNOWN AGENDA for 2025.

IN IT FOR THE GOLD: 10-year-old by SPEIGHTSTOWN, this mare foaled a March 3, 2024, filly by Spendthrift's champion and 2020 Kentucky Derby-winner AUTHENTIC, and she is back in foal to 2021 Kentucky Derby winner MANDALOUN.

JENNEMILY: 8-year-old earner of \$259,815 by STRONG MANDATE, this mare's first foal by BOLT D'ORO sold for \$120,000 in January of 2024. She has an April 3 Practical Joke filly at side and is back in foal on a May 7 cover to MANDALOUN.

KENDA: 10-year-old Stakes Winner by BODEMEISTER, this mare foaled an April 6 colt by OLYMPIAD and is awaiting a pregnancy check to 2022 Champion 2-year-old colt FORTE. Her ½-sister, GOODS AND SERVICES, is the dam of 2024 Tampa Bay Derby (G3) winner DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

LUNAR RILLE: 9-year-old by ENGLISH CHANNEL, this mare foaled a March 7 filly by VEKOMA, and she is back in foal to GUN RUNNER's Haskell (Grade 1)-winning son CYBERKNIFE. Her 2023 BOLT D'ORO colt has been entered in the Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

MAKE AMENDS: 10-year-old by MALIBU MOON, this mare has a yearling colt by YAUPON entered for the August 5-6 Saratoga Yearling Sale. She produced a 2024 filly by MANDALOUN and will be left open for an early start on the 2025 breeding season.

MAYBE I WILL: 6-year-old Stakes Winner by WILL TAKE CHARGE, this mare foaled an OMAHA BEACH filly on Jan. 30 and is back in foal to BOLT D'ORO for 2025.

MISS NONDESCRIPT: 6-year-old Stakes Winner by MOSLER, this mare foaled a TAKE CHARGE INDY colt on Feb. 6 and is back in foal to MANDALOUN.

MISSY RULES: 14-year-old Stakes Winner by PEACE RULES is the dam of two blacktype performers. She foaled a GREATEST HONOUR colt in April and is back in foal to him for 2025.

MOON VISION: 13-year-old by POLLARD'S VISION, she earned \$244,395 on the track. Her Jimmy Creed 2-year-old was purchased for \$115,000 by West Point TB's this spring. She foaled a Known Agenda colt in 2024 and is open to breed early in 2025.

STARR OF QUALITY: 10-year-old Stakes Winner by FIRST DUDE, this mare foaled a CYBERKNIFE colt on April 29 and will be left open for an early cover in 2025. She is the dam of 2024 James W. Murphy Stakes winner FULMINEO, bred by Country Life and the Starr of Quality LLC and a \$775,000 Gun Runner filly who is a 2-year-old. Her yearling colt by IMPROBABLE is entered in the September Keeneland sale.

TRUANCY: 5-year-old by RUN AWAY AND HIDE, this maiden mare is carrying her first foal by CYBERKNIFE.

WAR VALUE: 9-year-old mare by WAR FRONT, this mare foaled an April 9 colt by McKinzie and she is back in foal to GLOBAL CAMPAIGN.

This summary of present and future Maryland-bred foals reminds us of the road ahead, a path for ourselves and our partners to succeed in Maryland racing and breeding. If you want to be a part of Maryland's resurgence, start now. Get on our list for Broodmare Partnerships coming this fall. Be a part of Maryland's unmatched horse history with Country Life, Maryland's oldest Thoroughbred farm.

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

CHAMPAGNE DANCE: 5/3 at LRL, Maiden (breeder William Bayne & Super C Racing; owner/trainer Gregory Wilson)

JUDGEMENT DAY: 5/9 at CT, Allowance (breeder Timothy & Judith Grams; owner Grams Racing Stable LLC; trainer Timothy Grams)

NEXT GIRL: 5/10 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Fleet and Fancy LLC; owner WWCD, LLC; trainer W. Robert Bailes)

BO'S BOURBON: 5/15 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Clover Hill Farm, Inc.; owner Double Bogey Racing; trainer Erin McClellan)



MOSLER

MYSISTERNANCY: 5/3 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner John "Jay" Williamson, III; trainer John E. Salzman, Jr.)

MOSLER TIME: 5/9 at PIM, Allowance (breeder Carl Lanier; owner Durr Racing Stable and Shawn Newsome; trainer Cathal Lynch)

GAVICHI: 5/14 at PRX, Claiming (breeder James Anderson; owner Mario DeJesus Arriaga; trainer Ruperto Perez)

BANDITS WARRIOR: 5/16 at PIM, Starter (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm; trainer John Robb)

JORDON REIGN'S: 5/19 at CAY, Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables, LLC; owner Everton St. Clare Campbell; trainer Peter-John Parsard)

RAPIDO ROSA: 5/27 at PIM, Maiden 2-year-olds (breeder/owner Barak Farm; trainer Jose Corrales)

SAPONARA: 5/29 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Guadalupe Perez Aguirre; trainer Ruperto Perez)



FRIESAN FIRE

EMBERLY: 5/11 at CT, Starter (breeder Nancy Camp; owner/trainer Miguel Ramos Agosto)

BON FIRE DIVA: 5/13 at FL, Claiming (breeder Louis Carrico; owner/trainer Omani Williams)

THENCOMEMORNING: 5/23 at DEL, Starter (breeder Donald Wilson; owner Roger Sterling; trainer Bonnie Lucas)

FREEZE THE FIRE: 5/26 at PIM, Claiming (breeder Carl Lanier; owner Lynch Racing LLC and Nick Sanna Stables LLC; trainer Cathal Lynch)

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