



**March 2025**

**THREE WEEKENDS IN MARCH:  
THREE BIG WINS FOR  
COUNTRY LIFE'S THREE SIRE**

**March 8**

**DIVINING ROD'S "STICKWITHTHECOLORS"**

**takes \$75,000 Conniver Stakes**

**March 14**

**FRIESAN FIRE'S "PASSION RULES"**

**now 3-for-3 after \$130,000 Oaklawn Allowance**

**March 22**

**MOSLER'S fillies**

**"SAFE TRUST" and "MOON CACHE"**

**run 1-2 in \$100,000 Beyond the Wire Stakes**





Smart breeders in the Mid-Atlantic region are "breeding to race." And the smart money arrives in the mailbox.

Maryland-bred Breeder Bonuses presently add 22.5% to purses for finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Breeding to **Maryland stallions** makes your Maryland-sired/Maryland-bred eligible for **31.5%** breeder bonuses in all "overnight" races (beginning with 2-year-olds of 2025).

Significantly more mailbox money accrues if you race the foal you bred. The Maryland-bred **Developer Award** (paid to the owner of the horse 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.

Breed-to-race folks add some 50-60% in earning power through this menu of awards.

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**Maryland-bred, Maryland-sired** success for progeny of Country Life sires occur frequently.

In February, QUINT'S BREW (by MOSLER), bred by his owners, won the \$200,000 General George Stakes. QUINT'S BREW has purse earnings of \$246,240, winning 4 of his 5 races---*all at Laurel*.

Here in March, Jay Williamson's homebred STICKWITHTHECOLORS (by DIVINING ROD) won the \$75,000 Conniver Stakes, and Barak Farm's homebred SAFE TRUST (by MOSLER) just captured last Saturday's \$100,000 Beyond the Wire Stakes.

Both fillies have earned \$200,000 in purses. Do the math on the awards: it's a total of 52.5% paid to these folks who check the three boxes of 1) breeder 2) developer 3) owner.

***Beginning with 2-year-olds of 2025, a breeder/owner/developer of a Maryland-bred that is sired by a Maryland stallion can earn 61.5% in all overnight races (based on current Maryland Racing Commission approved percentages).***

Keep an eye on the future success of STICKWITHTHECOLORS and SAFE TRUST in Maryland. Also watch for FRIESAN FIRE'S undefeated 3-year-old PASSION RULES, bred in Maryland by Charles and Cynthia McGinnes. Trainer Brad Cox will have his Pimlico condition book in hand for PASSION RULES' Maryland-bred opportunities come Preakness week.

And on April 5 at Aqueduct, a supporting feature of the Wood Memorial Stakes is the \$300,000 Carter Handicap, a Grade 3 test at seven furlongs for which QUINT'S BREW is nominated.

Country Life Farm's three sires are by A.P. Indy, Tapit, and War Front. Click on our website ([here](#)) to keep up with their progeny, as well as exciting opportunities with our Breeding and Racing Partnerships.

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## DIVINE WORKS MAIDEN WIN



Maryland's breeding industry is comprised of resilient horse folks who support each other's efforts.

When Country Life was shopping yearlings at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton sale at Timonium, we kept returning to Katy Voss's Chanceland Farm consignment, in support of her Divining Rod filly out of the family of Chanceland's Kentucky Oaks winning filly Cathryn Sophia.

And why not? Voss had bred a half-sister to Cathryn Sophia named Saltworks to our stallion Divining Rod. That's a strong example of a Maryland breeder supporting a fine Maryland stallion.

On a final bid of \$42,000, Country Life brought home a filly our racing partners voted to name DIVINE WORKS. Voss had broken her to saddle at Chanceland. We put some further racehorse education into the filly at Merryland, then sent her to the Middleburg Training Center in Virginia. Trainer Chris Kolb kept her galloping under tack for six months, and DIVINE WORKS shipped to our trainer Mike Trombetta just in time for the 2024 Saratoga meet.

She made her debut with a fine second at The Spa, contested the Maryland Million Lassie in October, then was given the winter off to mature at Merryland.

Divine Works made her 3-year-old debut at Laurel in February, running a credible third. Trombetta set his sights on Virginia Derby Day, March 15, at Colonial Downs. He selected a \$93,750 Virginia-restricted Maiden event facing older fillies. At the 16th-pole, DIVINE WORKS surged past rivals to score by 2 1/2-lengths.

After that sterling effort, DIVINE WORKS settled back in at Trombetta's Fair Hill Training Center barn. In the Colonial race, she earned the \$56,250 winner's purse for her partners, listed as follow:

Randy Blurton, Tom Brannock, Dave Callan, Cape Fear T'breeds, Allen and Alma Garst, Jonathan Johnson, P.A. Keating, Kay Minton, Guy Pastore, and Don Walsh.

## Pony Racing Clinic



Merryland Farm once again hosted the U.S. Pony Racing Association for a Pony Racing Clinic on the farm's 5/8th-mile training track in February. More than 25 young riders took part in the schooling session, organized and taught by Regina Welsh, Director of the Association. The event is always an excellent learning experience for this sport's next generation.

The riders get a rare chance to learn to gallop on a real racetrack in a group setting. They also learn the fundamentals of horsemanship that will serve them well no matter what horse sport they pursue in the future. (\*A big THANK YOU to photographer Maggie Kimmitt for clicking her shutter on an unforgettable day for these up-and-coming equestrians.)

## February Foals

(click on picture for link to gallery)

### Timeless Treasure - Cyberknife filly

February 1st 2025 at 8:46 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by RDM Racing Stable**

### Fifteen Royals - Maximus Mischief colt

February 4th 2025 at 12:28 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

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

Stormy Mistress -  
Blofeld colt

February 4th 2025 at 9:23 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Tanterra Stables**

Truancy -  
Cyberknife colt

February 4th 2025 at 9:28 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm &  
Truancy Broodmare LLC**

Our Bella Nicole -  
Outwork colt

February 4th 2025 at 11:03 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Marie & Mike Trombetta**

Maybe I Will -  
Bolt d'Oro colt

February 6th 2025 at 4:32 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

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

Last Love -  
Independence Hall colt

February 7th 2025 at 6:50 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Tanterra Stables**

Tripscar -  
Mosler colt

February 12th 2025 at 9:01 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles Parker's Barak  
Farm**

Joy In Jerusalem -  
Hightail filly

February 14th 2025 at 5:02 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Warning Drums Racing**

Amber Empress -  
Friesan Fire filly

February 15th 2025 at 5:16 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Erana Shattock**

Stonerageous -  
Tonalist colt

February 17th 2025 at 1:15 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Christopher Codey**

Reachreachreach -  
Mosler filly

February 22nd 2025 at 12:25 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Ed Hart (All My Hart  
Racing)**

Hot Fun -  
Two Phils colt

February 23rd 2025 at 10:26 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Randy Ridgely**

Foaling Webcam

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## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

### DIVINING ROD

**DATTSAFANCYFOX:** 2/4 at MVR, Claiming (breeder Fox Hill Manor; owner Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; trainer Jay Bernardini)

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### MOSLER

**SAFE TRUST:** 2/7 at LRL, Allowance (breeder/owner Barak Farm; trainer Jose Corrales)

**MY SUZIE Q:** 2/10 at MVR, Allowance (breeder Adele B. Dilschneider; owner Jason DaCosta and Stacey Ondercin; trainer Jason DaCosta)

**SAXTON:** 2/14 at LRL, Allowance/Opt Claiming (breeder Lazy Lane Farms, LLC; owner Lynch Racing LLC and Nick Sanna Stables LLC; trainer Cathal Lynch)

**QUINT'S BREW:** 2/15 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)

**SAPONARA:** 2/19 at PEN, Claiming (breeder Barak Farm; owner Guadalupe Perez Aguirre; trainer Elisha Perez)

**MOON CACHE:** 2/22 at LRL, Claiming (breeder/owner Hope H. Jones; trainer Cathal Lynch)

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### FRIESAN FIRE

**WILLFUL DESIRE:** 2/7 at AQU, Starter (breeder Bell Gable Stable; owner Prestine Racing; trainer Linda Rice)

**PASSION RULES:** 2/22 at FG, Starter (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owner Calumet Farm; trainer Brad H. Cox)

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

**ROCKET SCIENCE (Bolt d'Oro - Laura's Moon)** - Maiden win on 2/5 at Charles Town. Bred by Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owned by Timothy Freitag and trained by Ryan Gillespie.

**SIR MICK (World of Trouble - Hiding)** - Claiming win on 2/15 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm & Huron Racing Ventures; owned by Marla Salzman and trained by John Salzman, Jr. This was his 3rd win, he has earned \$67,950 so far.

**RASCALLION (Maximus Mischief - Keep Right)** - Maiden win on 2/21 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm & Keep Right LLC; owned by Squire Thoroughbreds LLC and trained by Lacey Gaudet.

**BILL OF RIGHTS (Constitution - Real Good Time)** - Starter win on 2/28 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm & Real Good Time LLC; owned and trained by Joanne Shankel. This was his 4th win and increased his lifetime earnings to \$105,724.

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