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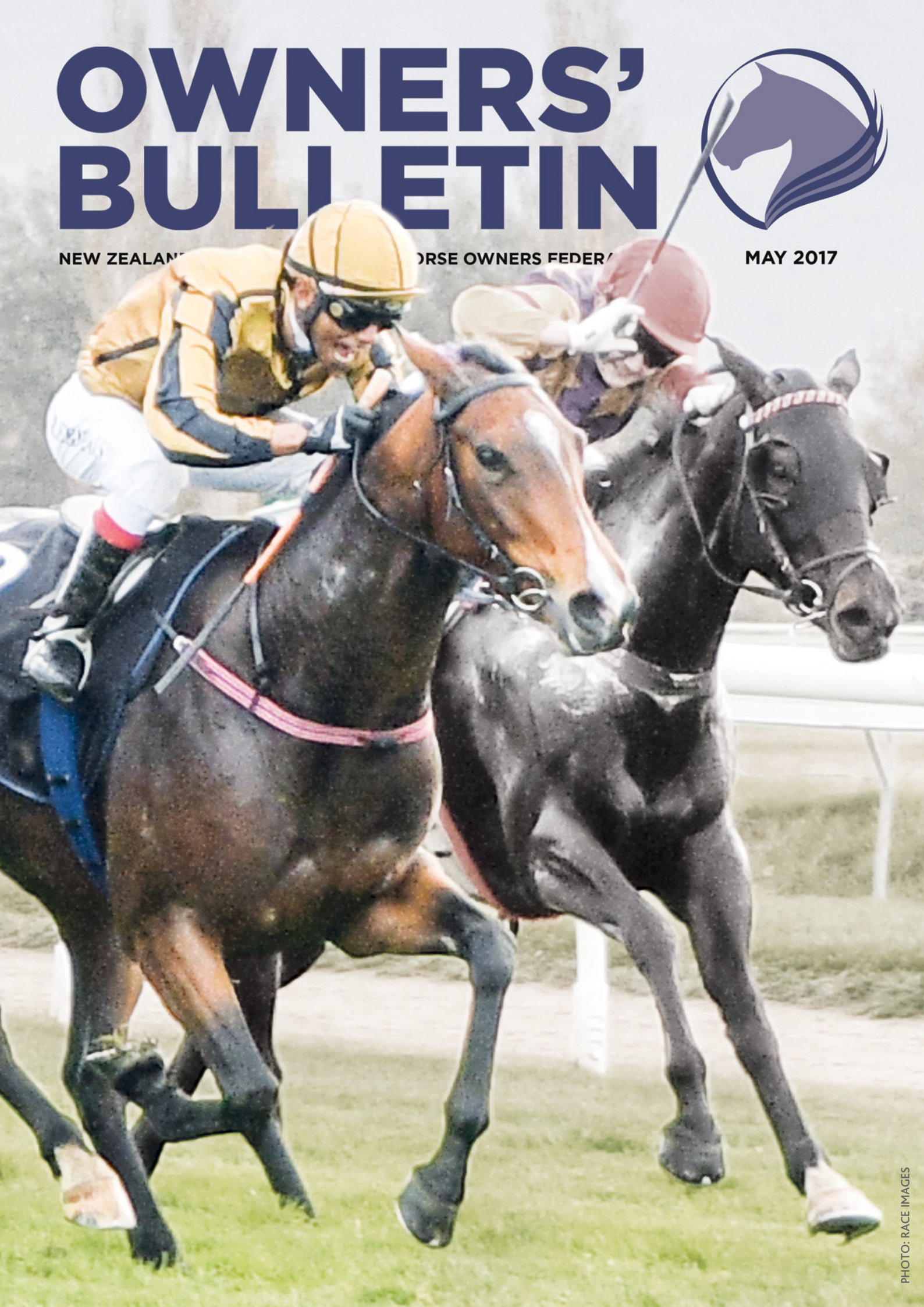

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OUR GOAL

To improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport of thoroughbred racing on behalf of all owners.

PRESIDENT/MEMBERS COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

NEIL OLDFIELD

Welcome members and readers to this edition of the Racehorse Owners *Bulletin*. Certainly the recent announcement from the Racing Board has offered a stimulus to our industry. The confidence inspired from the investment in our code of $6.5 million for the next two years does show the value of the expected revenue from Race Fields legislation. This important statute is expected to be adopted by Parliament before it rises for the election later this year. To give some indication of the value that is attributed to this, the Western Australian State receives a figure approaching $48 million a year as a royalty on its ninety two meetings.

I expect the powers that be are instigating discussions with the relevant bookmaking entities and the Racing Board as this becomes a reality. I expect that various options for the disbursement of the funds will be under consideration. I hope the reintroduction of the free racing model to Rating 75 is given serious consideration. Feeding the bottom of the pyramid will keep more horses in racing for longer and keep thoroughbred racing a more viable proposition.

The continuing dominance of our thoroughbreds in middle distance racing around the world underlines the talent of breeders, conditioners, breakers and trainers developing a product that is successful in any arena.

My congratulations to the Baker-Forsman training partnership who took the Australian Derby & Oaks double with Jon Snow and Bonneval and Te Akau Racing with Gingernuts showing our three year olds carry strong form. It also supports the graded stakes from an international perspective.

The Jumps season is now upon us to keep us entertained over the winter months.

Yours in Racing, Neil

TABCORP AND NZRB REACH NEW TRANS-TASMAN BROADCAST, WAGERING & POOLING DEAL

New broadcasting and wagering rights for Australian and New Zealand racing have been confirmed under agreements reached between Tabcorp and the New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB).

The enhanced package of agreements guarantees the ongoing broadcast of New Zealand racing into Australia through the Tabcorp-owned Sky Racing network and Australian racing into New Zealand via NZRB's Trackside.

It also provides certainty for the co-mingling of tote pools in both countries to increase liquidity and the attractiveness of wagering options for trans-Tasman punters, who wager a combined total of almost $1.2bn a year.

Tabcorp will also continue to market NZ racing internationally through Sky Racing, which also exports Australian racing across all three codes.

The agreements help cement a partnership between Tabcorp and the NZRB that began in 2007. The deal between the two parties highlights the close relationship between racing organisations and the wider industries in both countries.

Tabcorp chief operating officer of wagering and media Craig Nugent said: "Tabcorp and the NZRB have been working closely together for some years and these new agreements provide the stepping stone for both organisations to find new synergies that will benefit both.

The continuation of co-mingling arrangements in the agreements mean TAB punters in both countries will continue to get stable and attractive dividends as a result of the larger pools.

Our International Team is doing a great job showcasing Australian racing to the world and we are proud to be able to bring New Zealand racing to a bigger global audience through our global communications network."

NZRB CEO John Allen said: "New Zealand and Australia have some of the best racing in the world, and these agreements are a key way of ensuring people in both countries have access to see and bet on our quality racing product. These new agreements mark the beginning of a new phase in the ongoing partnership between our organisations and NZRB looks forward to continuing to work with Tabcorp to promote and advance our worldclass Australasian racing. Through the international marketing agreement, we are also able to showcase New Zealand racing with an even bigger, world-wide audience, utilising Tabcorp's extensive international network.

EDITORIAL NEIL MILLER

Autumnal days brought clearer skies after the last tropical system left us. It's a transitional time and us warmbloods got a shock when we went to Queenstown for the Catwalk Trust 'Remarkable' fund raiser. It was truly remarkable in every way and I am not that sorry to report that I was run over in the bids I made.

Our member Kevin Hickman paid a big premium for a service fee to the Darley stallion Brazen Beau. This is a future play and I reckon 'good karma' will be the reward.

Anyway it snowed down there and we picked very cold mushroom on the Jacks Point golf course. Once a farm boy…

Then it was time to get stuck into this issue and I was conflicted as to what photo to use on the front page. Bostonian, Seventh Up, All Roads? Then someone said that we had to do more for the Mainlanders and realizing our friends at Race Images PN now had a presence in the South Island I looked there.

Here comes good karma again when Sally Blyth's horse Minerva cleared maidens at Wingatui. Why not put a maiden up. That would be a first! Of course this is rank favouritism for a fellow Exec of NZTROF and Auckland Association committee person. It will mean a lot to Sally as she is quite potty about the mare. Like we all are about our charges.

Jenny Cowan gives us the 'good oil' on her trip around the world that had so many highlights. See if you feel envious? I did!

Brian O'Dea writes about the Goodin Family who are heroes to many in the district they live in.

Further on the aforementioned Sally Blyth nails down the FastTrack man David Archer. David has made a huge commitment to Racing with the FastTrack Insurance scheme. Sure the stakes cake has got a bit bigger lately but it will always want more icing on the top.

I went out to Clevedon and chatted to Frances Crimmins and saw horses, sheep, llamas, a goat and a bunch of dogs. She, like a lot of us has an interesting life story. Like all the above people mention she 'puts in' and that's commendable!

Finally I know Sally is due to update www.racehorseowner.co.nz for you before this *Bulletin* comes out. There are interesting snippets and a gallery and you or your friends may be a feature. What interest me as well as the stories are triumphs threaded through those.

I have lifted a page from the site that was authored by Love Racing's facebook pages to give you an example. It is at the back end of this issue.

Racing is a game of 'snakes and ladders' but it's always aspirational!

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PRIZE MONEY INJECTION
FOR NEW ZEALAND RACING

The New Zealand Racing Board's latest funding announcement is a no strings attached boost to stake money.

An additional $24 million will be provided to the three codes – thoroughbreds, harness and greyhounds – over the next two years with the thoroughbred industry's share at $6.5 million.

"This is all for stake money and nothing else," NZRB chief executive John Allen said.

"The money will come from the NZRB balance sheet, which has strengthened over the last few years having sold buildings etc in order to invest in projects and there will be a small amount of borrowing to support the progression of investment."

The thoroughbred code has already raised minimum stakes to $10,000 in anticipation of extra funds.

"We have a great racing product in New Zealand with amazing skills of horsemen and women and we want them to invest here and stay and further their careers and we certainly hope this latest announcement boosts confidence levels," Allen said.

"Our return to the codes will go from $136.2 million last year to $148.2 million this year and I would like to think that in the next three to five years that figure could go as high as $200 million.

"The next two years are guaranteed at $12 million extra per year though and not only is that number sustainable, it is just a starting point."

Meanwhile, Allen said that an announcement on the NZRB's investment in an automated fixed odds betting platform will be made in the near future after ongoing discussions with Paddy Power Betfair/Open Bet for a number of months.

"A final decision on our partner has yet to be made, but will be within a month. We would expect an investment of $25 million to be made over a period of years.

"With the fixed odds platform improvements, we have seen overseas agencies increase their turnovers through them and they will also give us the chance to win back large New Zealand-based customers we may have lost."

– NZ Racing Desk.

– OUR COVER –

Maidener MINERVA wins at Wingatui

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MIKE GETHING & SALLY BLYTH

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The Kipling Girl clear and home on the bridle

As all of you will be very aware NZRB has fronted up as challenged and committed $6.5 million to the three codes to increase stakes next season.

Good for them – we know it is much needed and more. This is dependent on all their planSs coming to fruition. One of these is the proposed 'Racefields' legislation. With the cabinet reshuffle the responsibility for racing now lies with David Bennett the MP for Hamilton East. He knows the Waikato and hopefully knows how important this legislation is. May I suggest you compliment him on his new responsibility and remind him just how important this is for the future of racing. His email is david.bennettMP@parliament.govt.nz

We are following up on suggestions from our survey. We have asked Auckland members to contact Sally with stories for the web site. If you have a good tale but not the time to write it down contact her or myself and we shall see it gets done with your approval.

There was a suggestion of an evening social event for Auckland members and we are in the process of organising something for July. Auckland Racing Club has very generously offered to host it at Ellerslie and member David Archer of Fast-Track Insurance is currently trying to secure an interesting speaker/s.

We are further pursuing all ways to encourage safe access to tie ups at our top racecourses. It is and will continue to be a long term effort. – ***Mike G***

Auckland committee members have experienced the ups and downs of racing over recent weeks. Both Mike and I had the thrill of a well-deserved maiden win with our respective horses, that had each notched up a number of placings in their quest for victory.

Mike's horse, The Kipling Girl, won at Matamata on 3rd May, her owners cheering and smiling. They were on course to watch "Kip" race effortlessly away from her rivals for a fabulous 4½ length win. We'll be following this High Chaparral mare, trained by Scott Wenn, with interest.

The previous Wednesday, 26th April, my Minerva won her maiden race at Wingatui. I wasn't able to be on course to watch "Evie" weave her way through a capacity field for her fabulous hands and heels win, but had my eyes glued to Trackside. My "Go Minerva" shouts would have been heard across the neighbourhood! Elated owners, jubilant jockey and happy trainer, Aaron Taylor, who is also a part-owner. A double thrill for him, and great reward for his work and patience with our Perfectly Ready mare. Here's hoping she can go on with it as she steps up to R65 company.

Alas, at Avondale's ANZAC Day meeting, tragedy struck in the last race. Frances Crimmins, who is also on our Committee (and is featured on a later page), had Sasanof's Hero lined up, and watched the field take off with a large measure of hope. Sadly, the race had to be abandoned when the leader, Dylan de Lago, suffered an internal haemorrhage and fell. With jockeys and horse on the track just past the post, there was no choice but to call the race off. Hopes were dashed, and hearts broken, as the scene unfolded right in front of the stand. Thankfully the jockeys involved avoided serious injury.

I was there on course, and it was a sad and sombre ending to what had been a very well-patronised and enjoyable day. – ***Sally***

WAIKATO WORDS

JENNY COWAN

Winning isn't everything and a grand performance by Endean Rose at Te Rapa in the $100,000 Travis Stakes, for a close second was one of those. A 6 year old with 6 wins and 9 placings, she is raced by members Lynda and Andrew Burton, and Iain Kennedy. Iain is the trainer. Andrew says it was a step up, but she was proven at the distance, was racing well and the stars aligned for her that day. Lynda and Andrew were in UK on the Cheltenham tour and listened as they won two races at home. One with Endean Rose and the other with Awakening, both on the same day.

Randwick on the 15th April was a momentous day for the Collett boys. And girls. Richard took Untamed Diamond there, and won a $100,000, 1200m race with his son Jason doing the riding. That's a family achievement not accomplished very often.

The Logan/Gibbs' are showing the way for a new era in racing with the appointment of a Chinese spokesperson for the stable. With the likes of Not Usual Trip and Qiji Phoenix both winning on April 22 there was a need for some translations of their Owners' thoughts. And what a nice win by Tavidream in a $100,000 race the same day.

Also a big win by Somethingvain, a $30,000, R 85,1200m for member and advertiser here Ken Beer and partners. She has been unlucky in having 9 starts where not one track suited her. Her second in the Thoroughbred Breeders Race at Pukekohe has her interests keen to win it next year. Ken is a pedigree consultant **www.mateyourmare.com** and is surprised at receiving enquiries from America and Australia. This makes for a lot more research, but is encouraging and it illustrates a global trend of breeding.

Somethingvain will have the best mate when she retires from the racetrack.

Shelley Hale provided a great follow up to a story in our *Bulletin* some time back with an exciting win in the Easter Stakes with Seventh Up.

HAWKES BAY HAPPENINGS TONY LYNDON

Saint Kitt raised his earnings for the season to over $70,000 when winning the Dunedin Gold Cup Trial and 7 weeks later the $30,000 Hororata Cup. Raced by local trainer Kelly Burne and her Australian based son Vinnie Meenehan, Saint Kitt is now trained in the South Island by Pam Robson who does the bulk of her training on the beach. It seems to have changed Saint Kitt around both physically and mentally. Kelly and her son have won the Kevin Wood Memorial Trophy for February and March with Saint Kitt.

Three and a half years is a long time between drinks but that is how long Takapau owner breeder Jenny Dalby had to wait before Handfull broke the ice at Woodville on February 11th. A breeder for nearly 50 years Jenny is best remembered as the Owner/ Breeder of Milo a very good mare in the seventies.

A spec buy for local trainer Patrick Campbell should make a good investment. Scandalo by Shocking out of the Savabeel mare Grandissima was an effortless winner at Wairoa and again prevailed at Hastings.

Miss Wilson continued on her winning way for owner breeders Richard and Liz Wood making it 3 in a row at the H.B. twilight meeting on the 2nd March when winning the Nadeem 1300m for a stake of $22,500. She then added black type to her resume by winning the $70,000 Group 3 Cuddle Stakes at Trentham. A half sister to champion race horse and now promising stallion Jimmy Choux she will make a valued addition to their broodmare portfolio when she retires, especially as they no longer have her dam Cierzo having sold her to Coolmore Stud.

A Hawkes Bay syndicate of 14 were on the course to see their pride and joy win at the Hawkes Bay twilight meeting, Lady Guinness having only her second start and her first for 4 months is raced by the syndicate on lease from Windsor Park Stud and is by resident stallion Falkirk out of the Danske mare Grace Park the winner of 3 races including the listed N.Z. Air Freight Stakes at Riccarton. The Patrick Campbell trained filly also won again on the course at the end of April.

Waipukurau course manager Tony Ebbett and wife Penny returned to the winners' circle when Royal Ruby cleared maidens at Waipukurau. They rarely keep more than two horses in work, doing the bulk of their training on a hill at their farm. The Ebbetts' previously owned and trained Belfast Lad to win 12 races including the Foxton Cup.

Prominent Hawkes Bay breeder Don Gordon seems to have bred another top flight horse in All Roads. Don sold a majority share in him but still retains a interest in the Road to Rock gelding. The winner of 6 races, including the $100,000 Windsor Park Stud Japan/N.Z. Trophy at Tauranga, Don also bred Mun Lee, champion 3 year old filly of her year, H.B. Cup winner Survived and Secrecy.

EDITORS NOTE

Don Shuker of Pokeno shares in All Roads ownership. Don is a member with us and has had a long interest in racing horses. He is also well known for his work as an administrator of Counties Rugby.

All Roads blasts to the post

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Here is another small stable with rare skills and individual attention to its charges. He is owned by Shelley with the Noel Johnstone Trust and R M Stent. What a strong field it was, too!

A good win at Taranaki by Decades, trained by Margaret Falconer, and owned by her and Richie Whitworth of Ellesmere Thoroughbreds, at Cambridge. They are successful with different horses from a small stable that reflect their skills. They also work as pre-trainers for Westbury Stud – a reliable source of income. This select stable would be an enviable place to have your horse with absolute hands on and individual care and opportunity.

I love the name Fibonacci (by Per Incanto) who won at Hastings on 29 April and also Lanciato by the same sire, who won at Hawkesbury on the same day.

Karen Remetis wrote in the last *Bulletin* of an experience of an owner that was a lack of attention to needs. These situations do happen and no one likes them. Recounting them is advisable, and maybe here is the place to do that so all can right the situation. I feel sure most of us have good experiences that outweigh those that come up short.

Organisations within racing are calling for more to be done to let connections 'get close' to their horse on raceday. Have they really analysed the scene?

Syndicates of even 5 people have made this viewing at each stall impractical. A trainer is on a time limit to get saddled, bridled, feet shone, tail brushed, horses stretched and walked and then birdcaged. He or she may have two in the race, and now is not the time to suggest that will we have a change of tactics and go early or some such. It is just not the time for talking.

EDITORS NOTE

I agree with Jenny re the connections milling around the horse whilst it is being saddled but the issue is really being able to observe this process from a safe distance and also the owners being able to see a little more of their horse on raceday.

MANAWATU / WELLINGTON MATTERS

ALLAN FENWICK

Five to Midnight richly deserved his Hawkes Bay Gold Cup win in April. The four year old has been a model of consistency this season but a big win had been eluding him. Minor placings in the Manawatu Cup, City of Auckland Cup, Avondale Cup and Auckland Cup and a total of 3 wins and 6 placings from 9 starts and nearly $150k in stakes for the season shows what a remarkably consistent galloper he is. The four year old gelding is raced by Kevin Pratt's Kamada Park and although based in Sydney Kevin was on hand to witness Five to Midnight's best win for the season.

Apart from their Whakaronga agistment and pre training facility Kamada Park has been a big investor in land around Awapuni as well as generous sponsors of racing at Awapuni and Trentham so their success is well deserved.

Also present at Hastings was Chris Allen, newly appointed Manager of the Kamada Park operation at Whakaronga. Chris is well known to many as a former successful jumps rider and then for many years the track manager at Awapuni. For the last 3 years Chris has been the track manager at Wyong Race Club in New South Wales.

Ian McSweeney's Ruby Woo not only broke maidens at the Marton meeting in March but became the first horse to win a race utilising the new top bend when racing recommenced at Awapuni. She was bred by Ian and is trained by son in law Bryce Newman.

Shadows Cast prepared by Mark Oulaghan provided a winning thrill for owner Ron Cunningham when he won on NZ Oaks Day at Trentham. He has now won 5 races and close to $90k in stakes.

Racing in the colours of Wellfield Stud's Bill Gleeson, Rock On showed that staying was his forte when winning the Lincoln Farms New Zealand St Leger at Trentham for trainer Gary Vile. He then went to Australia and ran two creditable races. Expect to see him in some of the major staying races next season. He is by Wellfield's stallion Road to Rock who is really hitting his straps and showing what a good sire of stayers he is becoming. In Hong Kong Beauty Generation, by Road to Rock ran third in the rich Hong Kong Derby at Sha Tin.

Jessiegee, by Alamosa, a year younger half sister to Rock On also looks most promising for Bill and trainer Mike Breslin. She has won both her starts to date.

Troup Road was a winner at Hawkes Bay at big odds for Mark & Fay Fearon, John Roache, John Druce and Keith Towers and a similar ownership group also won a race at Awapuni with Valour, both being trained by Matthew Eales. These owners along with Bob Wiltshire and Dame Lowell Goddard also race Yemanya a recent winner at Waipukurau and Trentham from the stable of Roydon Bergerson.

Falcons Reach owned and trained by Roger Allen was a winner at Tauherenikau.

Just Ishi started his current campaign in style with a winning double for trainer Gail Temperton. He won a R65 at Hawera and then a highweight at Wanganui. In the latter event he prevailed over stablemate Nom du Beel. Already the winner of 3 hurdle races Gail and partner Stan Alexander will be looking forward to another jumping season.

Popular Levin couple Paddy & Sylvia Kay have had a profitable couple of months with Antonio, Sylvester and Dr Watson chalking up 4 wins between them. They are not only the owners and breeders of their horses but Sylvia is the trainer.

Awapuni trainer Trina Riddell shares in the ownership of Ballet Choux with Marie Bloodstock and Kevin Myers. The promisi ng filly was a winner at Wanganui. Ballet Choux is by Jimmy Choux, one of the very best horses that Trina's husband Jonathan has been associated with.

Association President Michael Collinson has been very pleased with the latest efforts of his mare Double Down. Four starts in the current campaign has yielded a win and 3 seconds. She is by Castledale from Mike's mare High Vibes who in turn was by Asti Bay, which Mike had a share in, from High Beam. Double Down is trained by Heather Weller at Foxton.

Slimline followed up an easy win at Awapuni on Sires Produce Day with a big late finish to win the Listed Manawatu ITM Anzac Day Handicap. Gary Vile trains the Castledale mare for a group of mostly locals including Hamish & Shannon McDonald.

Former Federation Executive Member Charles Simpson and Manawatu Association Secretary Allan Fenwick are part of the Marton Syndicate that race Star of Greenbeel, a winner at Tauherenikau and again recently at Blenheim. The race book comment the day he won at Blenheim "two failures since nice win at Tauherenikau the story of his career, needs good footing, but can't risk" is possibly not far off the mark. Rumour has it that the Kevin Myers trained Savabeel gelding was a good performer at the recent Waverley jumping trials.

Christopher and Susannah Grace's Savabeel 5 year old mare Shillelagh gained valuable black type winning the Godolphin Crown Group 3 at Hawkesbury at the end of April. She is now in the Rosehill stable of Chris Waller. On the same day her year younger sister Grazia, also bred by the Grace's was a winner for Te Akau Racing at Hastings.

WANGANUI / TARANAKI ROUNDUP

BRIAN O'DEA

It has been a turbulent few months for the Wanganui Jockey Club having lost most of their Cup meeting due to weather pre-Christmas. Then having the threat of losing their Guineas and Fillies Saturday in September, followed by management changes in the running of the racecourse catering and liquor services.

Fortunately common sense appears to have prevailed with the NZ Racing Board's Dates Committee and Wanganui should retain its Saturday in September. The WJC appreciated the support given by the Racehorse Owners' Bulletin in the March issue as well as a large number of private submissions to the Dates Committee.

The Jockey Club has brought the catering business back in house after it had been run by an external operator for six years. This change is already showing promise that may include the Club looking to supply liquor to patrons at a more realistic price.

At the recent Wanganui Trainers Day race meeting, in addition to sponsorship from local trainers Kevin Myers and Ian and Rosie Hackett, the Club also had sponsorship from trainers Tina Egan of Stratford, Adrian & Harry Bull of Hunterville, Sandy Cookson of Foxton and Lisa Latta, this assistance from more distant operators being greatly appreciated.

Some five years ago I was bailed up by Wanganui hobby trainer Anne Davies and proudly said "now you have to say THATZ DAVID is a good horse". And he was, having already won about six races. He has now become a great horse having just won his 16th, as he so often does, leading by a margin, being passed at the straight entrance to then fight back for a good win. Remember he's an 11 year old and has started 127 times. His winnings exceed $260,000 and he could still be going as a twelve year old. What makes Anne so proud is that she is the breeder, trainer and outright owner. Well done Anne!

The Cvitanovich family re-entered the 'winners circle' with Straight Jacket winning at Gisborne for trainer Kevin Myers. Gerard Cvitanovich had previously trained the horse but with farming commitments passed him on to Dummy. It was a wet track win so there should be more in store for the Iffraaj gelding this winter.

Brian Anderson of Hawera has a share in the Matamata trained Glass Slipper which cracked its maiden at Ellerslie.

Ken Duncan's Hunterville stable is fronting with good numbers on the flat & in highweights so will be looking to a good winter of jumping.

To finish on a bright note for the Wanganui Jockey Club, the Wanganui Cup from last November will be held on Queen's Birthday Saturday, as will the Castletown Stakes.

The Foxton Cup is likely to be held on Wanganui Guineas day in September and there is a strong chance that Manawatu Racing Club Jumps day on 27th July will be run at Wanganui

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND SAYINGS

FIONA HURST

Winter is on its' way down here, the minor frosts are trying hard to make our mornings chilly and the rain has made some tracks a bit damp but the warm temperatures have farmers smiling as the grass has continued to grow into the Autumn months.

A farmer who is probably smiling for more than one reason could be Don Lake who recently exported a horse to Singapore that he had a share in called Unconquered that was trained by Graeme and Debbie Rogerson. Recently another horse Don has a share in, also trained by the Rogerson team, is a three year old Nom Du Jeu filly called Lady Roseanne. On the 31st of March Lady Roseanne won a maiden three year old race at Rotorua on a heavy track.

Ray and Jill Coupland keep on churning out the winners their most recent one being Kinagat, a five year old Street Cry gelding that started his career in Australia. Ray and Jill have had four wins with this horse and many placings. His most recent win came at Otago, early March, in Open company over 1200m.

The next person I am going to write about I have known a lot longer than the 15 odd years I have been in the racing game. I was first introduced to Ian Nichol around 35 years ago when he farmed at Lee Stream with his wife and two daughters. I went to primary school with both of his girls and rode ponies with them also.

My father and Ian both competed at calf roping at rodeos and Ian later got into breeding Brahman Bulls for the entertainment highlight at rodeos, the bull riding event. It was always difficult for the cowboys to ride eight seconds on one of Ian's bulls. Ian has long had shares in racehorses with his good friend Ray Kean and from my memory all of them have been trained by Mr Brian Anderton and then later the partnership of Brian and his son Shane. Ian has a share in Tommy Tucker who probably needs no introduction to South Island race followers.

Tommy Tucker, an eight year old Gallant Guru gelding has won fifteen races from forty six starts including the Craigmore Listed Timaru Cup TWICE, the Christchurch Casino Listed Easter Cup TWICE and the Group Three Canterbury Gold Cup. Great performance! Ian also has a share in Londonderry Air, a five year old gelding by Raise the Flag, who has had two wins from eleven starts, both wins being in October last year.

Pat Collins, Lacy Stewart and Aaron Tapper were given a thrill when their mare Ultra Chic found some late room and scorched home to win her maiden event at Riccarton in a Fillies and Mares race over 1200m.

Following on from his win in a Two and Three year old race at Riccarton in early February, Don Carlo repeated that performance with another win in a Three year old race at Riccarton late March. Owner Rod Moore currently has the Per Incanto three year old gelding grazing on his farm before he returns to work in the Michael Daly stable to prepare for a spring/summer campaign.

Ultra Chic, I'll Say

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CHELTENHAM JUMP FESTIVAL & DUBAI WORLD CUP

JENNY COWAN

Most owners hope their horses will pay for their 'Happy Travels'. But if they don't, you don't mind paying for an extraordinary holiday. Such was the Cheltenham Jumping Festival and Dubai World Cup tour offered by Epic Journeys in March.

A lively bunch of people with different interests and travel choices made up the group, but most had a 'horsey' interest and most were couples. Dennis Price the tour manager flew the group to and from London with Emirates Airways. Once in London, the great diversity of the tour started.

We stayed at a lovely, old refurbished hotel in South Kensington once the home of the Earl of Strathmore. Within walking distance were the underground station, Kensington Park and Palace, the double – decker red buses, plenty of restaurants and other similar attractions. This is the real old London town, with terraced houses on every street and it made for lovely walks.

Our stay was only 3 nights but many made good use of the hours and got up early to visit the Horse Guards parade, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and Changing of the Guard, etc.

We all had tickets to a live show of our choice in the West End; "Kinky Boots" was popular.

We then were taken by coach to Wales to stay at the lovely Marriot St.Pierre Country Club in Chepstow. This was converted from a stately Welsh Manor to accommodation. The old Gothic style was still evident in the Stonework and windows and reception rooms. The attendant Chapel is maybe 800 years old and the graveyard of the same period.

Attending a racing festival capable of crowds of 80,000 people was not like wandering into Riccarton or Hawkes Bay on their big days. It entailed a decent walk from our coach, parked among approximately 500 other coaches, with masses of good humoured Brits, and many touts wanting to take a twist out of our tickets. But they were also there to bargain in fun with us to sell tickets from our group who chose to go elsewhere that day. Those who did so were usually lucky to get half price.

I can't imagine how Cheltenham racing provided 4 consecutive days of jumping races, with some 24 horse fields with 8 or 9 races, and where they all came from. Many come from Ireland of course.

There were not many spills for that number, and Wayne Hillis said he would be trying to be in the front at the first hurdle, and not trying to think of 23 horses going over him if he fell. Wayne, John Wheeler and Ken Duncan made their way to the center of the course to get a feel for it, and to view the inside fences for the 'Chases and the Cross Country type named races.

Their Racing Post published two pages of facts and odds etc. I was amused by the paragraphs titles –'Hot trainers', 'One trick trainers' and 'Cold jockeys'. Kind of circus like, but serious!

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The stands have limited members areas, but for the other 79,000, it was standing room only. Very like being on the London tube in rush hour. They love the racing and everybody was happy. Plenty of big screens show it all if you can't actually see the track. But nothing mattered.

We walked to our rendevous tables in the Museum lounge, where big pictures of past winners adorned the walls, with all the accompanying facts and figures.

Many women – and some menfolk couldn't resist the shopping village situated on-course. Maybe 100 stalls selling high class English – made everything. From rocking horses to silver horseshoes, eh Linda! From teak fashioned lifesized models of horses, and fashion and fur and felt in every type of clothing and hat. A few girls chanced a glass of Moet at 17.50 pounds per glass. The stingy ones chatted over the rail.

Our 2 decker coaches took us on day trips through Wales, Bath and Bristol with a quaint lunch at the Bathwick Boatman restaurant on the river at Bath.

Ken Duncan had sussed out a jockey to bring to NZ to ride for our winter, and interviewed him, watched him ride at a 'point to point' race meeting – and then signed him up. He is Charlie Price riding today at Otaki as I write.

Jackie Duncan made the biggest contribution to the retail side at every shopping opportunity and of course always looked up to the minute for every occasion.

John Wheeler and Carey Hobbs as, or as not, hosts on the tour made the most of every moment. Lynda also contributed as a hostess, especially on return journeys on our coaches – as a wine waitress or commiseration hostess. She and Noeline Hobbs always looked lovely in stylish clothes and hats, but Noeline had more cultural pursuits.

John arranged for us to visit a stud, the Tweenhills Farm in north west Gloucestershire, which stands 4 stallions, with mares, foals and young stock. They paraded Charm Spirit who shuttles to Windsor Park in Cambridge and is standing at a fee of 20,000 pounds.

St. Patrick's day, one date we could remember, was an Irish night at a pub in Chepstow. Tim Mills would look at home 'wearing the green' at any Riccarton meeting. Wendy went maybe as a good Brit.

Tim Mills *(white shoes)* **Jenny Cowan** *(red shoes)*, **Gae Craig** *(red shoes)*; **Wendy Mills and friends at St Pierres**

We flew to Cyprus where we stayed for 5 days. It's very historic with ancient tombs, creepy and cold, and excavations of mosaics of pre-historic periods, and relics in marble and clay dating back to 2000 BC. Cypriot archaeology is now recognised and fully appreciated by modern day students. The other side of Cyprus is the modern and welcoming hotels and resorts and shopping available – fascinating and historic copies of her wealth in copper, as seen at the Cyprus Museum in Nicosia.

We had a day at the Nicosia races where our Vet, Jim Robbins, was able to join their local Vet and learn of their processes and methods. Also printed on their race day card were the addresses of 86 betting agencies in that city.

One of our tour members was ex All Black, 'Moose' Whiting from Hamilton. Dennis arranged that he meet up with two ex Welsh and British Lions players in 1972. Roy Bergiers who scored the winning try against the A. B. 's and Delme Thomas, a captain and British Lions player. I chatted to Sir Colin Meads here at a function recently, telling him of his friend Moose on our tour. "Oh great, how is he? I remember Moose always liked a drink." And when I reminded Moose of his limit, at one of many bars in Cyprus, he said "You sound like my missus". And took no notice.

I omitted to say how much we all enjoyed the rugby at Millenium Stadium in Cardiff earlier – with Wales winning and all singing and shouting from our seats on the 6th floor.

Dubai World Cup itself was a one-trick wonder. Our half day coach tour with a local guide was fascinating and mind-boggling. Only photos can describe the level of wealth and magnificent buildings, the new ones being built with cranes obvious everywhere. And the amount of gold, silver and marvelous arrays of jewelry available in their shops and arcades was astonishing.

I felt proud to see the Zabeel Palace and Za'abeel Streets as we toured their city.

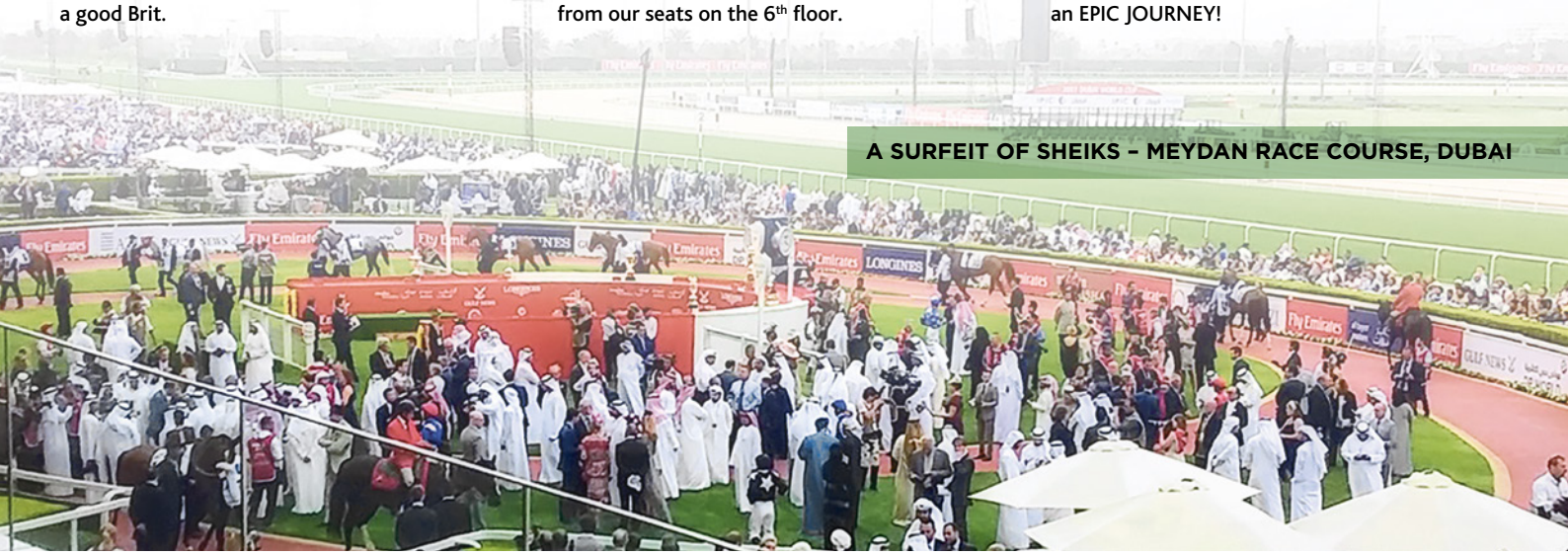
Our presence at the World Cup was unnoticed, but how we enjoyed it! I've mentioned how our race meetings revolve around horses, but theirs is about glitz, glamour, music, fanfare and white robes, with an international flavour. The Racing was similar – just the Sheiks in their robes, were different. They create an atmosphere and they really love racing.

As an aside, I wonder if our $53 million contribution at the Dubai Expo 2020 will include our racehorse and breeding achievements.

We had special facilities availed to us by Epic Journeys, which gave us close viewing and a variety of unending, fabulous food, and our own punters club.

Carey Hobbs put a lot of energy into that, and some were cruel enough to complain of our result.

I suppose it is luck when a large group can share and engage in all the activities with pleasure. There were about 45 of us, with 5 couples from Australia. The characters in our party added to the trip. It was an EPIC JOURNEY!



A SURFEIT OF SHEIKS – MEYDAN RACE COURSE, DUBAI

THE GOODINS OF TARANAKI COAST

BRIAN O'DEA

People talk of lives fulfilled! That would be a good description of Steak [John] and Christine Goodin. They have had a long involvement working for charities as well as many thrills successfully breeding and/or owning top racehorses including Kawi, Mirikau Lass, Stitched and Shez Sensational.

Their story starts in 1971 when they married and bought their Mirikau Rd farm from Steak's father who had been farming it for several years. It was considered uneconomic for two families so they skipped sharemilking and went straight into ownership.

In 1973 they became involved in helping troubled youth when Terry Hickey, uncle of weatherman Jim Hickey dropped off the first lad. This work continued for forty years, a stream of young men getting the benefit of settled time in the tranquil setting of the Goodin dairy farm in coastal Taranaki tucked close to Mt. Egmont. Fortunately their six children had empathy with these boys and that was a big help.

Steak next became involved in 1987 with the Life Education Trust which took two years to raise $300,000 to purchase the first mobile classroom. It was to be towed by a truck – a Fonterra one actually. Boss Craig Norgate was Steak's cousin so that helped. Craig also saw to it that the other units throughout NZ were maintained by the company's garages – and some are still doing this all these years later.

The Life Education Trust classrooms, which teach our young people to make healthy life choices, are in a huge percentage of schools around NZ. Taranaki was one of the earlier Trusts to be formed and during Steak's chairmanship of 14 years $200,000 was raised annually for the children of Taranaki. Steak was recently made a NZ Life Education Trust Life member. He also spent three terms on the National Board.

The Goodin family's move into thoroughbreds began in 1976 when Steak "inherited" a mare called "The Boss" who was carrying Rafaeleo at the time. This was a brave move as both Christine and her father weren't happy with the financial perils of racehorse ownership. It didn't take Christine long to come around as even this first horse had talent. Bob Sharrock was an uncle who would help to give them many good times as has cousin Alan. Rafaeleo, who had a strong coastal Taranaki following, won five and placed thirteen times. Mirikau Lass was "The Boss's" first daughter successfully greeting the judge twelve times and eleven seconds. Jack Taylor was her initial trainer with Uncle Bob taking over later. In their naivety as newish owners black type wasn't understood so it was later in her career she competed in these and came second in the Breeders Stakes.

Their next move was into one of the earliest syndications set up in the country, in 1982, by Anton Koolman of Otaki, the initial horse being Validity. All other members of this syndicate were businessmen and professional people and Steak felt like the country cousin. The general feeling in the 80's was that syndication wouldn't work. It DID! Further good horses they raced in syndicates included Whispering, Embattled and Embroidered.

Mirikau Lass's first foal was initially named Steak – a little joke of Christine & Uncle Bob – but this was changed prior to racing to Halved. Halved was sold on their behalf by Anton Koolman to Paul Sutherland for nearly $100,000 and went on to win nine races in Sydney. The money from this sale helped pay for their new home which was built by Bob Sharrock. Planted at the entrance to this Mirikau Road home is an oak tree gifted as an acorn thirty-five years ago by Sir Patrick Hogan.

For six years now the Taranaki Garden Spectacular has visited the homestead garden and except for 2014, after Steak's stroke, he has acted as gatekeeper, having wired Sky TV out to the entrance so he and men driving their ladies on the garden tour could watch the races. At this years Garden Spectacular there will be an Artist in Residence, Marianne Muggeridge of South Taranaki.

After the August 2014 stroke Steak was wheelchair bound – friends said that with the support of a strong family he has made a miraculous recovery but the family think a certain horse may have played a bigger part than they did – Kawi. Even when he couldn't walk and barely talk they knew when he wanted to watch his horses. Along with the Sharrocks the Goodins had the good fortune to be in the Shez Sensational syndicate which included an Auckland Cup in her twelve wins.

Back in the early 2000's they bred and raced a top jumper in Stitched whose wins included the Wellington Steeplechase and the Koral. In 2007 Stitched won the Koral and was second in the Grand National and Great Northern Steeples but still wasn't quite jumper of the year.

During this period Steak and other coastal people felt that for the benefit of coastal racing and Taranaki racing in general that the Opunake Racing Club should transfer its assets and its race meetings from Hawera to New Plymouth. This created a bitter struggle, to the point that when Steak was attending a South Taranaki funeral a number of people present persisted in calling him Snake Goodin. But he has broad shoulders and Opunake racing became part of the racing setup at New Plymouth.

The next top horse bred was Kawi. Kawi's dam Magic Time had done OK as a broodmare having produced Shezamagic to have nine seconds, eight in succession, prior to her first win and No Magic Needed was sold overseas after a placed run. However Kawi is special giving them their first homebred Group One winner and he has carried on now to win another five Group Ones. Christine and Steak sold the rest of the Kawi shares into the racing syndicate and were a bit surprised when an offer of $1.2 million was refused. However they have been more than compensated with a number thrills since.

Christine is a dressmaker of renown and among clients was Dame Malvina Major. The relationship grew to friendship then she became companion and PA on a number of Dame Malvinas musical trips locally and abroad. One of the jobs Steak did with gusto was delivering flowers from their daughters New Plymouth florist shop. He's still involved but only as the navigator.

Other changes have occurred .The greater part of the dairy farm has been sold and the last milk cheque is not too far away. Seven hectares has been retained, along with the house to maintain the thoroughbred interests and agist horses for the syndicate .The only broodmare in the picture at the moment is Magic Time but there is a Zed filly of hers coming through the system shortly.

Christine made it quite clear that without the Sharrocks, who are family as well as very good friends, their level of fun in racing would have been far less. Loyalty is important to them which is the reason why Michael Walker was used on Kawi's West Australia trip. When asked if they would support Alan and his partner Emma Davies if they moved their training operation to Australia the answer was a very firm yes. In the wings with the Sharrock stable is another potential goodie out of Shez Sensational which Steak and Christine have a share in.

Steak has a Q.S.M for services to racing and the community and was made a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW by NZ Rotary for services to the Life Education Foundation – although he has never been a Rotary member. These are two lives well lived and may there be many more years of enjoyment for them and their family.

P.S. It is somewhat of a tradition on the coast for the men to have a nickname. What "Steak" refers to; I didn't ask.

STUD CHAT WITH SAM MAY 2017

OK so it's not at the level the owners of our 3YO's plundered from the Championships but it's good to see some positive stake money news at long last. It's a great start.

Per Incanto has continued where he left off at Karaka with exciting race results on both sides of the Tasman.

Dal Cielo (Per Incanto-Cent From Heaven) franked his good Sydney form with a second in a G3 event during the Championships and **Lanciato (Per incanto-Surreptitious)** targets a G3 race next month after wins at Rosehill and a $100k race at Hawkesbury.

Locally **Per Incanto's** progressive 3YO sprinters Don Carlo and **Fibonacci** have both gone to the paddock on a winning note and he achieved a treble of winners at a race meeting for the fourth time when Incantation, Yemanya and Canny Magic all won at Trentham.

All Roads a horse we bred with good friend and part owner Don Gordon, deservedly won the G2 at Tauranga last month.

By the time you're reading this we'll probably be on our way home from the Weanling and Broodmare Sale. I wonder who'll be the duckling that becomes the swan in our draft this year. A **Per Incanto** filly we sold for $5k last year realised $65k as a yearling this year at Karaka and another **Per Incanto** filly we sold for $3.5k in 2015 re-sold at last year's RTR for $150k.

On the service fee front, **Per Incanto** and **Nadeem** remain unchanged at $15,000 and $6,500 plus GST respectively for 2017.

Winter well everyone and I hope you're looking forward to the Lions tour as much as me.

Sam

PER INCANTO

TEAM WILLIAMS BREEDING 76 YEARS PROVEN

LA LITTLE AVONDALE

WELL DONE ROBBIE

The Association extends its congratulations to Awapuni Jockey Robert Hannam for riding his 1000th New Zealand victory at Trentham in April on the Grant Nicholson trained Artaxerxes. Robbie also rode with success in India in the early 1990s.

One of the most popular members of the jockeys' room, Robbie had to overcome the slowest of starts to become an established senior jockey.

"Even though I only rode six winners during my four years as an apprentice I was never going to give up. Most people would have, but I love riding and I'm still so passionate about it."

"I'm very, very grateful for all the support I've had from everybody all over the country, all the trainers and owners. I'd like to give special thanks to Lisa Latta though. I've ridden more than 100 winners for her so that's a 10th of my total." – ***Allan Fenwick***

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DAVID ARCHER: ON TARGET

Diane and David welcome Bostonian home to scale

SALLY BLYTH

For a racehorse owner, it doesn't get better than two wins from two runs, and exciting newcomer Bostonian has done just that. Bullseye; 100%; the perfect score!

By Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval, this very smart 2YO gelding, trained by Tony Pike, won a trial at Cambridge in February and then made his raceday debut at Avondale on 24th March. Handy throughout, he nailed his maiden win with a strong late finish. He followed that up a few weeks later, on 15th April, with another solid win from a handy position. Owned and bred by Archer Equine Investments it is rather fitting that this second eye-catching win was in the FastTrack Insurance 2YO race at Hawkes Bay, over 1300m.

David Archer, who enjoyed ten Group One winning moments with champion sprinter Mufhasa, as well as a Group One win with Gallions Reach (Zabeel Classic back in 2008), is the man behind Archer Equine Investments.

He is also the initiator of FastTrack Insurance – a partnership he set up between BrokerWeb Risk Services and NZTR to generate monies to be used to increase race stakes into the future. David loves racing with a passion, and he has combined that passion with his realm of business.

The FastTrack name is fast gaining recognition and traction and is now on many people's radar as an excellent option for their insurance cover. Plenty of high profile people in the racing industry have got behind David and his FastTrack offering – trainers, jockeys, breeders, studs, racing personalities etc who are now insured through FastTrack. It makes sense when you know that a percentage of premiums paid will be going towards increased race stakes.

Owners have been lamenting the paltry stakes money on offer for years, particularly in the maiden ranks. That elusive maiden win can be a long time coming and the monetary returns, if you're lucky enough to get a win, have not come close to recompense. The thrill of the win is a wonderful thing in itself, but being able to bank more into the racing account triples the joy, there is no doubt about that. It is pleasing that there is now an innovative and forward-looking framework such as FastTrack to enable owners to recoup a bit more for their investment and commitment than has been the case. FastTrack "added stake" bonus races are being featured on many race cards around the country and that is welcome indeed.

David is a man with a goal; and people in racing, and beyond, are sitting up and taking notice. In an industry that has so many layers and complexities, this can only happen with dedication, conviction and hard work. David has put a huge amount of time and energy into getting FastTrack up and running, clarifying and marketing its *raison d'etre* and working hard in the brokering realm to provide a quality and competitive service. He deserves a huge pat on the back for his efforts.

He's a hard man to pin down, but at the same time will happily stop in his tracks to discuss any aspect of racing and racehorses. He's familiar with every aspect of the game and his enthusiasm is second-to-none.

Back to the horses...
David also owns Charles Road, a 3YO gelding by Myboycharlie out of Giant Mystique. Trained by the O'Sullivan/Scott team, Charles Road has only been out of the money once in eight starts. His maiden win came third-up on 2nd January 2017 and four starts later he won a Group 3 in April at Manawatu.

He just missed to favourite Tavidream in the Group 2 Valachi Downs Championship Stakes at Ellerslie on 22nd April with a superb effort, finishing just a head away. A tad further and he likely would have got his nose in front. Impressive, and no doubt there is more to come from Charles Road.

Come In Spinner is another Archer horse who has recently made his debut. Trained by the Moroney/Gerard team, this promising 2YO colt, also by Jimmy Choux, out of Spinalign, ran a stylish and strong-finishing second at Hawkes Bay on 29th April; a very nice first-up performance after a series of placings at the trials.

David is always excited to share the thrill of a win, no matter whose horse or which race. Whether it's a maiden win at a mid-week meeting in the deep south, or a Group 1 on a premier race day, David knows it's always an exciting moment of sheer joy for owners.

With three talented horses on his own radar, there are exciting times ahead, and there'll no doubt be plenty of people surrounding him to share the delight of future wins. Let's hope it's three out of three for Bostonian when he next steps onto the track.

Owning a horse may not be an essential element of life, like insuring your precious assets is, but for those of us who do have a share in a thoroughbred beauty, ownership is certainly a vital part of our world.

It helps if you have a horse like Bostonian to begin with but, as we know, horses that launch their racing career with a perfect score are few and far between.

We all dream of owning winning horses and, as the FastTrack message says, "why wouldn't you".

FRANCES CRIMMINS

It's All In The Blood – Frances Crimmins – Volksraad – Sir Slick – Little Wonder

Let's start with Frances and her family to understand the 'equine interest' inherited from her distaff line. Her maternal grandfather was Thomas Quilty and Wikipedia declares –

Thomas John Quilty *(4 April 1887-1979) was an Australian station owner, pastoralist, philanthropist, and bush poet. To this day he still holds the record for the large st freehold land acreage in Australia's history; over 3 million acres (12,000 km²) for a single property. In total, he controlled over 4.5 million acres (18,211 km²) of land.*

A passionate horseman, in 1966 he donated 1,000 pounds for the creation of a trophy for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup. An event designed to test the skill of horse and rider it was awarded to the winner of a 100-mile (160 km) who could not only complete the gruelling course but whose horse also finished in sound health. Quilty and his good mate RM Williams (the now famous boot and saddle maker) created the Tom Quilty Gold Cup a national championship endurance horse event, held annually in Australia which is now the biggest professional endurance ride in the Southern Hemisphere. In 1976, Tom Quilty was awarded the O.B.E. for his services to primary industry.

Frances' father was Frank Crimmins who came off the land in Waihi. He left school at 12 years old to drive horse driven coaches for his father's company. Some passengers were a bit worried about their driver's youth! Later the horse drawn coaches were superseded by buses and Frank was the driver and mechanic. Frank built the company up to become Waihi Thames Valley Motors. Times were tough during the Depression but if people couldn't pay the fare Frank would let them ride for free.

The bus company was sold to the Government after World War 2 and Frank went to Auckland. There he studied accountancy and was active in the sharemarket. Success allowed him to get into racehorse ownership and from that he became involved in the politics of racing and eventually became president of the South Auckland Owners and Breeders Association.

He had great racetrack success with the Fairs Fair stallion, Lord Sasanof which led him to set up Eureka Stud at Buckland south of Pukekohe to stand Lord Sasanof to give him his chance at stud.

Frances Crimmins was an only child and from birth was taken to meetings of all kinds. She said she was taken to Melbourne to see Lord Sasanof win the Heathcote Welter at the age of one. The "Lord" was a true toff and when she was a little older she could ride him.

Frances was also taken to her father's committee meetings as a child and years on she is a committee person on the Auckland Owners Association.

Frances went to St Mary's in Herne Bay and upon leaving school became a law clerk, then worked in tourism but the love of animals saw her become a veterinarian nurse.

Eventually she was drawn into ownership and became a part owner with Graham Nicholson of Te Aroha. Graham was standing Foxbay and together they won races with Crimson Fox one of Foxbay's progeny.

Great success came later when the pair raced Time Keeper (Group One Easter Handicap winner as a three year old) and Sir Slick who became the "People's Champion" (winner of multiple Group One races and over $2M in stakes money). This horse raced often and eventually that drew criticism, but Frances says his main gallops were on raceday. Most of his fitness training consisted of the water walker. Sir Slick's legs were completely sound throughout his racing career because of this. He is now in happy retirement as a mentor to bring on young horses at Ruakaka Beach.

There were many very good "Volksraad's" racing, but arguably none better than Sir Slick. You would think that there would be at least a couple of sire sons, but there is only one to continue the breed as few escaped the scalpel. Frances wanted her Little Wonder to remain an entire as he is also a ¾ brother to Sir Slick. If traits are inherited here is a chance to breed a fast and tough horse.

Little Wonder had 22 starts for 6 wins and 5 places and won $200k in stakes, some at Group level before a leg injury cut short his racing career. He was feisty in the stable and once took a nip at me as I casually walked close to his box. On the track he was a real scrapper and regular rider Sam Spratt loved riding him. Now that he has let down into a stallion at Regal Fern Lodge at Kaitoke near Wanganui he is a real gent. Studmaster Rob Lewis has been teaching the horse dressage and has taken him to the races where his behavior among other horses was exemplary.

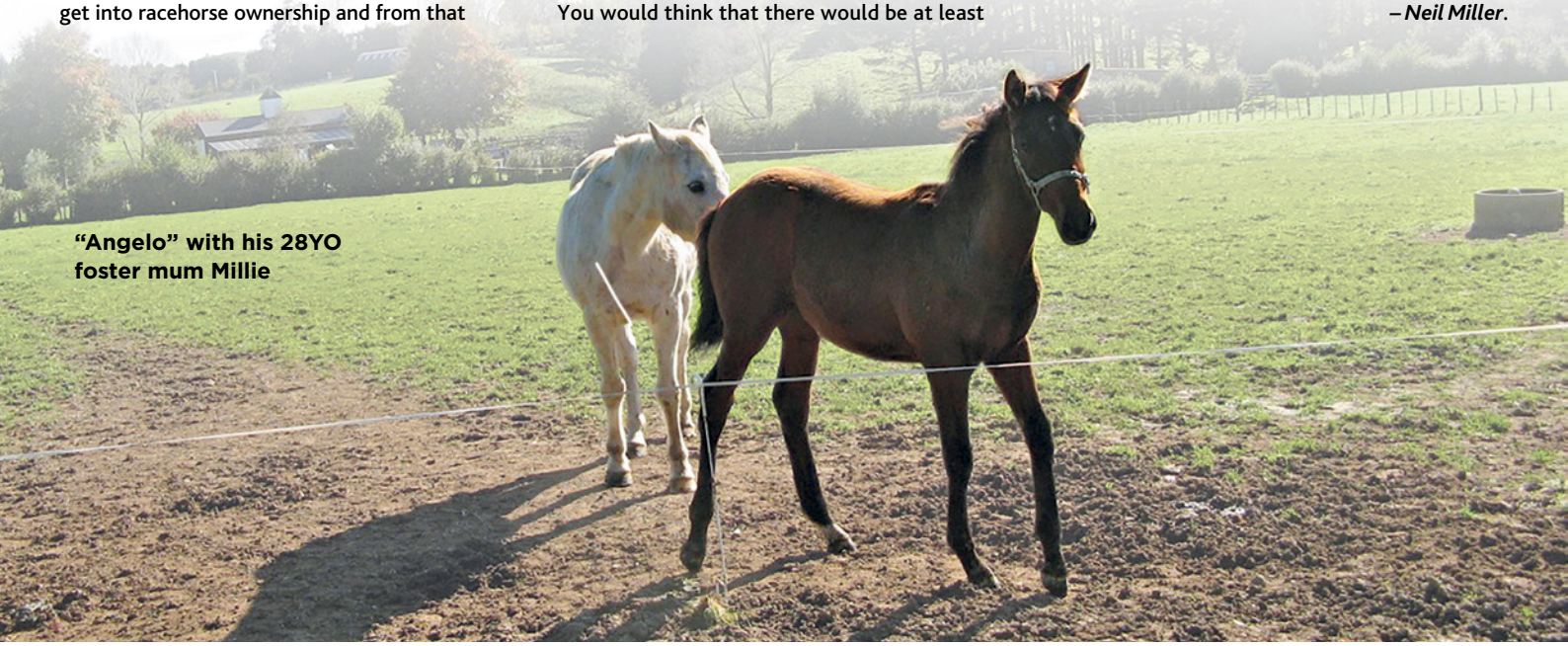
Little Wonder has turned out good size foals who have the Volksraad look about them. The photo below is of "Angelo", Little Wonder – Angels Honour. He was born in December at Frances' place in Clevedon. Sadly, the mare died birthing the colt and as there were no wet mares available he has been hand fed by bottle then bucket. All the while he has had an old Grand Prix mare, Millie, for company, kindly loaned by local vet Liv Gibson.

Frances is excited about the prospect of racing her Little Wonder colt Angelo in the future and is looking forward to the birth later this year of the foal from her O'Reilly mare Racey Lady. She's also excited to have a lovely mare which is a half sister to Time Keeper to put to Little Wonder next season. This is fitting since Time Keeper and Sir Slick were the best of mates and this combines two great breeding lines.

As I write this Frances is at the races at Te Rapa with the weanlings half brother, Sasanof's Hero.

You see its all in the blood and breeding!

– Neil Miller.



"Angelo" with his 28YO foster mum Millie

Whangarei equestrian

VICKI WILSON WINS US COMPETITION with dislocated shoulder

BY KRISTIN EDGE

The Whangarei rider described Kentucky as initially "sticky" and he wasn't that keen on moving his hooves.

After three hours of training over two days Vicki is able to get Kentucky jumping.

A dislocated shoulder didn't stop Whangarei's Vicki Wilson from taming a wild horse in three hours and claiming the winning purse of $142,278 at an equestrian spectacular in the United States.

The talented showjumping rider turned her hand to a Western-style competition at the World Championship of Colt Starting event at the Road to the Horse show, which saw her train an untouched 3-year-old colt enough to ride it and put it through a tricky obstacle course.

She drew horse number 12, a bay colt, which she quickly named Kentucky. Every step of their journey was performed in front of a cheering crowd and under the critical eye of judges.

It was during the first 90-minute training session Ms Wilson dislocated her left shoulder.

"I put my hand on his wither to swing around to get off and that's when my shoulder dislocated. I hit the deck. I've had a few dislocations in the past," she said.

Bravely she had it "clunked back into place" and continued with it strapped. During the night she woke hourly to ice her arm.

During the second day she was in extreme pain but Ms Wilson had selected her close friend, 20-year-old Alexa, to be her pen wrangler at Road to the Horse. It turned out to be a wise decision.

In the moments when Ms Wilson was near tears before entering the arena on the second day for another 90-minute session her mate gave her some succinct instructions: "Suck it up, you don't have a choice."

Ms Wilson admits as soon as she went into the arena the adrenaline spurred her on.

It might look easy but getting a horse to walk across a tarpaulin on the ground is difficult and comes down to trust between horse and rider.

"He's not naturally brave or curious but to finish the way he did was incredible."

Ms Wilson was so impressed with the "little tryer" she announced on her Facebook page soon after winning the prestigious competition that she would be bringing the American quarterhorse home – subject to his passing quarantine regulations.

The combination showed their trust in each other during the obstacle course, which included towing a dummy, walking across a bridge, passing between poles and jumping obstacles.

The duo was the only ones of the four competitors to ride on to a tarpaulin on the ground.

"I didn't quit and he didn't quit," Ms Wilson said.

"It's our job a as riders and trainers around the world to inspire the next generation and get the kids believing in themselves that anything is possible. You have to be prepared to make sacrifices and chase dreams. Never stop chasing your dreams."

When Ms Wilson was announced the winner she received an enormous cheer from the crowd, who had quickly made the Northlander their favourite.

As part of the winning prize package Ms Wilson was handed a cheque for US$100,000 ($142,278) and an intricately decorated Western saddle.

THE OWNERS' FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owner's Federation in March to April 2017.

We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

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Once known as 'The Sport of Kings', Thoroughbred racing is one of the oldest performance sports around. The passion of the people within the industry is unshakeable, and with very good reason. There are few other past times which offer the feverish thrill and exhilaration that race day does, and few other industries where the people working in it don't consider it to be a job, but a lifestyle, and an unbeatable one at that.

Despite the many benefits, this world class game seems to have gathered some misunderstandings over the last few decades, perhaps in the belief that it's a sport only for a select few. In reality, it's quite the opposite. There is unending potential for anyone, young or old, to experience involvement on so many levels. According to the racing population, from spectator to stablehand, track operations to owners, and jockeys to trainers – the passion, fun, excitement and camaraderie is second to none.

We spoke with astute and highly experienced bloodstock agent, Adrian Clark of Challenge Syndications in Cambridge. He specialises in offering people the opportunity to experience those pleasures through racehorse ownership. Once thought only possible for the elite, Adrian and many others have proved that this is not just a hobby for the wealthy, it can be for anyone who just wants to give it a go, regardless of age, race, gender, or status.

A 'syndicate' is a term which describes a group of people who all have part shares in the same horse, as little as 1% depending on your capacity, making it accessible to everyone. With a motto of "affordability without compromise", Adrian believes that the success of the enterprise is due to a combination of personal attention, a refusal to cut corners, quality of horses, and unfaltering personal communication.

His clients couldn't agree more. Challenge 7 is the syndicate for 'Swiss Precision', a promising young 2 year old who won her debut trial at Foxton in August. Trained by John Bary, she ran a good third in her raceday debut in early September and has since been out enjoying a spell, having been back in work at John's for a couple of weeks now.

With around 60 owners to date, Adrian tells me that 50% of them are brand new to ownership. They come from all over New Zealand, and for her first race, 35 owners, from as far afield as Geraldine, Whangarei, Whangamata and Christchurch, made the effort to be present. This is despite there being no guarantee of a win, or even a placing, a real sign of how much other enjoyment there is to be had from this captivating sport.

We wanted to hear it straight from the horse's mouth, so we spoke with a couple of them. Owner, Alan Payne, can't speak highly enough about it. He too, has recognised the shift in perception about racing, saying it really saddens him that people have such a wrong idea about it. "It's so much more than placing a bet" he said. "Sometimes I feel like I can't talk to people outside the industry, because they instantly pigeonhole me."

From a farming background, Alan tried to race a horse in the 80's, but the expense and burden on just one person was too much. He's open about the fact that racing can be unpredictable, with ongoing costs for vet fees, trainers, injuries, and there's never any guarantee of getting that money back, but says that the syndicate model takes care of all that.

Belonging to a syndicate was something he'd never thought about until he heard of Adrian Clark. Assured of Adrian's "superior bloodstock experience", the reasonable entry level fees to buy in, plus capped outgoings every month, Alan says there was nothing to lose. "It's a lot cheaper than a boat, and more exciting" he laughs. While he's quick to point out that monetary reward is the least of a number of other advantages, he jokes that he still doesn't like to lose it, adding that this allows him to have all the fun of the sport without the financial pressure.

"It's a pity that people don't realise how rewarding it is, how once you try it, you're hooked, in a good way! I have made so many friends, people I can really trust, we've turned into one big family." He says that once made, many of the friendships extend beyond the racing arena, and that he's never experienced that degree of camaraderie or the level of excitement before. "When you're watching your horse come in, there's just nothing like it. They call me 'Mr Trackside', because I'm always front seat, I can't wait to get to the unsaddling area, I'm usually there before the saddle's off!"

Another 'Swiss Precision' owner, Nick Cunnold, owns an upholstery business in Auckland. He loves this model of ownership, saying "If you want to have a heap of fun, but you don't have a heap of money, then this is your game." Nick adds that it's important to have someone astute at the helm. "Somebody who's not scared to cut the horses who aren't performing, and sooner rather than later. And great communication, you've gotta know what's going on."

Both men insist that one of the best things about it, is that it doesn't matter whether you own 1% or 50%, you still own that horse. The thrill is the same, in fact, because the excitement is shared with others who feel the same sense of ownership, it increases the pleasure no end. Talking with these folk made us wonder if it wasn't just a case of letting people in on the secret. It's almost as if the word 'syndicate' should be substituted by the word 'family' or 'alliance', or even 'experience', because that's the way everyone describes it, a true reflection of what you're signing up for.

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