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NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED
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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 Owners Bulletin. The third month of the year already where has that time gone? Plenty of recent racing keeps all enthusiastic of the king of sports.



It seems hard to believe that the success of Mongolian Khan in the TV3 NZ Derby is a first for trainers Baker and Forsman, and jockey Bosson. The skill and professionalism displayed daily in their respective roles underlines the fact the "game" is one of attention to detail every day and one of stamina. My congratulations go to them and the owners of Mongolian Khan.

The New Year has seen John Allen take up his position as the CEO of the Racing Board. His

previous roles within Government will ensure a disciplined approach to the task at hand. I earnestly hope the Racing Board review, currently in progress, does highlight some significant savings to be passed onto the three codes. If I had a single wish the adoption of an agreed remuneration, tied to the CPI annually, would at least secure a defined certainty for the respective codes to budget on and ensure a continued stable investment to enhance each

of the individual codes. I admit there will be times of real financial insecurity from a global perspective, but those could be negotiated reviews, between the codes and Racing Board chairs if, and when they occur. Whether owning, breeding, or wagering, stability is a vital component to investment.

Viva la Autumn and enjoy the late summer, and early autumn racing.

Regards, Neil

NZ RACE DAY INCIDENT DATABASE

The Racing Integrity Unit (RIU), NZ Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and Harness Racing NZ (HRNZ) have agreed to use a standard form for recording data about incidents that occur on NZ racetracks. The NZ Equine Research Foundation has been promoting this data collection for some years and we are very grateful to the Australian racing industry for allowing us to use their ARID (Australian Racing Industry Database) form. This form will be used as an initial template and any changes thought necessary can be discussed and agreed after it has been tried in the field.

To help process the data gathered a computer program is being developed by Josh Scarsbrook, a summer student in the Department of Computer Sciences at Waikato University. This involves developing a program to analyse an image (photograph or scan) of the form which will correctly link the crossed data boxes. A website has also been developed which will allow uploading and storage of the photographs and it records the image information in the database. This image processing software will transfer the data to a database that will be able to be interrogated to identify the result of incident investigations.

Form completion has already begun and there is an increasing amount of data being used to test the programs. We are hopeful that this data collection and analysis will give reliable information about equine health and welfare and identify which issues require more research effort.

Dr John O'Flaherty, NZERF

ALIESHA ADVISES



The last few months since my last update on the Ownership Project have flown by. We have seen the running of the Wellington Cup, Karaka Million and New Zealand Derby, just to name a few, and watched the next generation of New Zealand bred champions pass through the sales ring at Karaka.

It has also been a very busy time for those involved in the Ownership Project. In January we piloted our owners ticketing/welcoming area, helped to host the Owners Marquee at the Karaka Yearling Sales and assisted the preparations of Authorised Syndicators for the Owners Open Day hosted by New Zealand Bloodstock. Overall, the events went well, however we have learnt a lot and look forward to making a number of improvements as this concept develops in future years.

From my perspective it was great to see so many different industry groups and stakeholders pulling together over this period to ensure the initiatives could progress. I look forward to continuing to work with the New Zealand Racing Board, New Zealand Bloodstock, New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing, Authorised Syndicators, Trainers and Racing Clubs to ensure the ownership experience continues to improve.

With the passing of the recent National Yearling Sales and New Zealand Bloodstock's Owners Open Day, many owners are now looking to purchase shares in bloodstock so I feel it is timely to discuss what an Authorised Syndicator is and why New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) support their offerings.

What is an Authorised Syndicator?

In basic terms, Authorised Syndicators or Syndication Companies have been through an application process with NZTR in order to become authorised and for advertised syndication opportunities have submitted Disclosure Documentation that NZTR has sighted and approved.

How can I identify an Authorised Syndicator's advertisement or offering?

We have recently designed and released the symbol below to help potential and current owners to identify which offerings have been through the disclosure process and are promoted and managed by syndicators authorised by NZTR.

Where can I find details about which syndicators are authorised?

To find a list of active Authorised Syndicators you will need to visit www.nzracing.co.nz. On the home page of

the website, on the right hand side, half way down the page you will see an ownership tab. If you click on the Authorised Syndicators symbol you will find a list of all of the active syndicators who are authorised as well as their contact details.

Is there anywhere I can find a list of the ownership opportunities Authorised Syndicators have on offer?

To find a number of Authorised Syndicator ownership options you can visit www.nzracing.co.nz. On the home page of the website, on the right hand side, half way down the page you will see an ownership tab. If you click on the Syndication Opportunities symbol you will find numerous ownership opportunities that have been presented by Authorised Syndicators.

What does the disclosure process and documents involve?

Through the disclosure process syndicators are expected to complete a disclosure document which NZTR approves and the syndicators provide owners to sign prior to purchasing a share in the bloodstock. This document essentially ensures syndicators are disclosing relevant information so owners can make an informed decision and are aware what terms and conditions they are signing up to before purchasing a share in the given bloodstock. An owner can expect to see information in the disclosure statement about;

- The syndicator/syndication company, who will manage the bloodstock as well as who the key decision maker will be;
- The bloodstock, including vet certificates, bloodstock valuations, pedigree, details about whether or the bloodstock is insured and the terms of the insurance etc;
- What the initial upfront fee includes, what the ongoing costs will be made up of and what the ongoing costs are anticipated to be;
- The syndicate agreement which may include details about how profits will be distributed, how trophies will be allocated and how other major decisions will be made etc;
- Details about the risks associated with purchasing shares in bloodstock.

The team at NZTR recognise that syndication is an important avenue for future ownership.

For those of you who have horses gearing up for winter campaigns we would like to wish you the very best of luck and hope to see many of the Owners Federation members in the winner's circle over the coming months.

Aliesha Moroney – Project Manager NZTR



OUR COVER

Owners Day Karaka

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EDITORIAL

Neil Miller

Huge congratulations to our two supporting studs Haunui and Little Avondale for their recent booming racetrack success from the offspring of the new sires Showcasing and Per Incanto.

There is no doubt that it's just Good Karma for supporting our journal. We represent Owners and they keep the whole industry afloat. Its just what goes round comes round.

The theme this issue is towards syndicated ownership. As ownership becomes more fractionalized your Executive have seen the need to get these owners under our wing. It does not matter whether you own just 'a hair on the tail' we speak for you.

New Zealand Bloodstock and NZTR, both sponsors to our NZTROF, ran a successful Open Day for Owners at the Karaka Sales Centre early in February. We have Aliesha Moroney of NZTR and NZB's very capable Laura Madden to talk about that in the early pages.

Then we welcome Lance Noble Racing and Te Akau to latter pages. They have taken up our offer to Authorised Syndicators who attended the Open Day to make a contribution.

Prior to that I bumped into Brent Cooper at the Karaka Sales and twisted his arm (nah that last bit is not true) and he agreed to do a page about who he is and what he does so he is our Profile this month.

A piece came in from well known Pam Trustt from down south about a really good bread and butter horse she shared in. Then another turned up from the author of books (some equine) and racing notable Mary Mountier of her first horse, a much loved dud. Mary was the NZ correspondent to the now defunct USA publication 'The Thoroughbred Record'. Her story comes from a feature 'The Year In Review' that dates back to 1982. From the issue she sent me there is another column of a fantastic racing story by the great turf journo' Eclipse Award winning Ron Virgets. I loved the imagery and if this doesn't bring a lump to the throat perhaps you need to look and see where you left your soul.

Now seeing we are asking the three aforesaid syndicators to send our web file to all of their members I thought it would be perhaps educative to their new members to complete the trifecta by writing about the thrilling first horse I had. So I wrote the story as if I was talking to them. I don't want any wiseheads to think I am skiting I am just saying how it was.

There are about 4 Owners average per horse and 22 Group 1 Races per year in NZ so there are a lot of owners who have had their life changed by a remarkable horse and I am but one. I started at the top and have trended down since but who knows the Darci, the 'Legend' and I have with a famous southern band of 'Brothers' may have the goods. You never know!

Life is but a bunch of experiences and I have plenty and I have more than a quarter of a million reasons to be happy with my involvement in racing. It's why I edit this, our grass roots missive for free. So may I wish you all and especially new owners the best of luck. The odds are not with you but as I say; All my life I couldn't win a chook raffle and then I got lucky and had the ride of my life.

Your Story?

Contact neilandjeanette@yahoo.com

KARAKA OPEN DAY OFF TO A FLYING START

New Zealand Bloodstock hosted its inaugural Karaka Open Day – The Thoroughbred Experience – on 4 February 2015 at Karaka.

The new event at NZB was designed as an entry point for people keen to know more about the racing industry but not sure how best to get involved. Trainers and syndicators were invited to put their horses and services on display, to answers questions, and point people in the right direction, while a panel of celebrities and experts shared their experiences and insights into our sport.

NZB Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela said the concept got off to a flying start.

"Notwithstanding being blighted by dreadful weather on the night, we were thrilled with the level of new interest in taking shares in horses bought at the Sales. All the exhibitors had plenty of genuine interest in their horses, with some even making a sale on the night.

The trade displays looked fabulous and people had really gone to a lot of effort to present the industry in its best possible light. We're very grateful to all who participated and hope it's the start of a long and happy experience in thoroughbred racing for many who attended."

Syndicators & trainers who exhibited included Te Akau Racing, Go Racing, Noble Racing, Ballymore Stables, Fortuna NZ, Shaune Ritchie Racing and Emma-Lee Browne.

The evening got underway with a 'happy hour' in NZB's new Karaka Garden Bar, followed by a panel of guest speakers with trackside presenter and reporter Aiden Rodley hosting the discussion. Sir Colin Meads, Mark Chittick, Hamish Bond, Nathan Cohen and Andrew Seabrook shared how their involvement in racing has developed and why people should get involved.

Amongst the panel's racing chat, the audience was briefed on the reason behind purchasing horses as yearlings, and how certain bred horses target different races. Enthusiastic owners Sir Colin Meads and Hamish Bond held the audience captivated with their racing stories of the anticipation, excitement and competition that racing provides them.

Hamish Bond and Nathan Cohen are also both members of Social Racing (having named and raced Aotearower) and discussed their love of racing and the different ways people can become involved.

Following the discussion panel, syndicators were given the opportunity to parade a selection of their purchases made during Sales week in the sale ring, with Aliesha Moroney hosting a Q&A with each one, giving them the chance to talk about their businesses, shares available, and why people should get on board.

Everyone there on the night had the chance to go into a prize draw to win a table in the Cuvee hospitality area at Ellerslie on TV3 Derby Day. It was won by a delighted Alison Everett Mills who hosted her friends and family in style on the day.

Offering a unique opportunity for syndicators and trainers to engage new, prospective owners, and giving people who are new to the industry the chance to learn what racing is all about, it's sure to be added to the calendar again in 2016.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As you may know, up until 1974 no more than four people were allowed to share ownership in a horse. Then they changed the rules, setting the limit at 25. (Of course later that number was expanded, and now I don't think there is any limit.)

Anyway, the point of mentioning this is that I was a member of the very first syndicate of 25, and we raced a horse named Clockstopper (bred by the Fells of Fairdale Stud). She ran once, finishing a long last in a field of 16. But that didn't deter us – we simply got another horse, named Showstopper (also bred by the Fells), who won her first four races as a 2YO. We subsequently raced several more, over which time the syndicate members came and went, but with a 'hard core' remaining throughout.

I got far more enjoyment from being a member of this big syndicate than racing a horse on my own or with just a few others. That was largely because we used the horse as the focal point for our parties – both at the racecourse when the horse was running, and organising "meetings" to discuss progress.

So I am all in favour of the syndication of racehorses – the more the merrier!

Cheers, Mary Mountier – Waikanae

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

AUCKLAND ADVICE

Neil Miller

Did you watch the Karaka Million? I was there standing right behind a group of Aussies on the Ascot Stand. Hardline hit the line and these Aussies went off like you wouldn't believe. Obviously the filly was their horse. All decorum was lost and I trailed the group down the stairs heading for the birdcage. They were hugging and kissing some in tears and one guy was bellowing, "Oi ----een told you eet would ----een ween"! Oh to win a race as such!

Into the birdcage there was the boss of Haunui Stud Mark Chitty the breeder of Hardline beaming from ear to ear and well wishers rushing up to congratulate him. No wonder, the Karaka Yearling Sales were to start next day.

Next really big day brought the Derby where our friends from Mongolia gave a big lie to the fable of Asian "inscrutability."

It's been a great summer for racing and the Ellerslie track has played well through the drought. I heard local supremo Andrew Castles say they are impressed with Matamata's irrigation system as the Ellerslie one is due for an upgrade and they will be looking hard at it.

The Counties rebuild is proceeding with the lateral drains being about the last thing to install before the trenches are backfilled with sand and topsoil brought back. If they get the seed in early autumn that's about perfect to get the grass growing.

If there's a downer at this time it is the lack of handy trials in the north. Sure there's a program but if you have a 2yo in Auckland it's not good to have to go to Rotorua to get some education for it. I know they have trials in the big horse centre's of Matamata and Cambridge but they get chokka and it's a 2 hour drive to either for us Jaffas.



Bhiwhani Trelawney colours to the fore

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WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY WORDS

Jenny Cowan

Many of us have enjoyed some Happy New Year success or it is ahead, as patience is the name of our game. We can witness everything on our TV screens or be part of our big meetings on track where a lot is at stake.

Winning seems to be everything (it's not, of course) but for those who experience misfortune in the loss of, or disappointment in a horse, there is a strong wave of understanding amongst us.

We also enjoyed coverage of the yearling sales and the emotion horses create, with the last Zabeel putting on a feisty performance for handler, Mark Forbes. We thought Justine, Lady Hogan should have joined Sir Patrick in his honour lap of the sale arena. A nice under-stated performance all round. Many people were impressed with Morgan Carter on the selling rostrum. Margaret and Tim Carter can be proud of his fluency, accuracy and obvious career ahead.

A trio of OWNERS G.Candy, W.H.Luff and J.Moore are racing Pipibeel. Bill Luff, now 84 years was a well known stock-transport proprietor in Matamata for 20 or so years, and is now enjoying with his daughter Judith, and son-in-law, from Rere, in Gisborne, being in the racing world. He also has interests in Candy Bell, Crafty Eva and Lava, from the Baker/Forsman stable.

Tipperary, racing for Brendon and Jo Lindsay is looking for more wins, trained by B.Smith Karaka.

Among many local wins, Bhiwani a 4yr old mare by Alamosa won for the Taylor family on 17 January, ridden by Mark Hills. How frustrating for Mark to sit on 499 wins and run 10 seconds – at least –before attaining his personal record.

David and Anne Paykel had a very good win with Killarney Kid at Ellerslie on 28 February trained by Richard Collett.

Ernie Griffiths proved that a change of environment can find winners when Flying Fantasy won at Matamata. She obviously prefers this stable to the previous couple and was ridden by up and coming jock, Josh Oliver who suffered a nasty spill after a good run of successes.

Well done to Terrill Charles – she brought two horses to Ellerslie from Timaru and both ran great races for close seconds – a big effort and result.

Dramatist – raced by Raewyn Hollinshead, Martin Steffert, Ian Jones, and R and J Macey won at Matamata on Feb 21st – 10 starts for 4 wins – an enviable record.

Silent Achiever – WE LOVE YOU. It's just 12 months since you won the Ranvet Stakes at Rosehill, not many of those behind you still racing – Dundee, Carlton House, Fiorente etc. We wish you more rewards and safe travels.

It always surprises me how top horses are such good lookers! I thought So You Think was gorgeous, then our own Dundee, was similar, then along comes Adelaide and Protectionist, and now it looks like Alpine Eagle is joining the club. And of course Silent Achiever.

WANGANUI/ TARANAKI ROUNDUP

Rosie Hackett

The locals have had a good time of late.

The Rayner Stable had a nice win with Star O'fraaj in the 3year old race at Otaki and J Parkes felt she has a lot of talent. She will head to Trentham as will stablemate Taurus. He went well at the trials and looks very bright.

Hundyamonth is raced by the St John's Club Racing Syndicate and he will start at Wanganui.

Mr Mor is coming up nicely for the jumping season, he looks great and went nicely at the trials.

Belsham Racing has been going nicely. Start Wondering is a very smart young horse. He won well at Wanganui and then got beaten at Hastings by a horse that broke the track record with a gap back to the rest. Slazenjah was 2nd to Start Wondering at Wanganui and has his first start over ground at Otaki. He has a great nature and should love the trip. Paul has a few nice Eighth Wonders who are going through their paces and some of them are very promising.

Wayne Marshment has had a couple of nice winners. Worldclass has had a win and two 2nds from 3 starts and Dancers Tale won nicely at Manawatu, shooting along the fence to give her owners, Challenge No 1 Syndicate a thrill.

The Bull Team have Benzini in the Auckland Cup and he has won three races really well, his last two starts, in Auckland, so he is a huge chance to get another Cup for them.

Beau Agen won at Otaki. He was bred by Committee man Brian O'Dea and is raced by him with friends including Paul Bardell. Beau Agen is trained by Christine Eagle and was ridden by Rebecca Goldsbury who is going really well with her riding.

Other local members to have wins lately include Judy Duncan who races Skybird with friends. She won well at Otaki and then ran 2nd at Trentham at the Premier Meeting.

Overtheriver owned by Dan O'Leary and trained by Kevin Myers has been going well, winning his last 3 in a row. He won at Reefton then at Kumara, and then he won the Poverty Bay Cup.

Rose of Virginia won the Taupo Cup and she was bred and is part owned by Mr Alan Burnet who has raced many top horses over the years.

Another to have won lots of races, nearly 90, are Opunake couple Des and Kay Fleming. They have bred and raced most of them including the very promising Postboy, who won at Manawatu and had some nice placings with not much luck. He will improve with time. But a filly they bought at the Sales, which they named Savaria, is the one they hold in high regard. Des said he can't believe of all of the horses at the Sales they got her. How well she goes. After dead heating in the Lowland Stakes she will now head to the NZ Oaks where she will be a huge chance.

HAWKES BAY HAPPENINGS

Tony Lyndon

The Waimarama Syndicate made up mostly from those who raced the champion Dundee are making racing look easy. Havelock North resident Murray Andersen set the ball rolling when breeding the champion filly Staring, who was the 1992 New Zealand Oaks winner and champion filly of the year. Her grandson by High Chaparral Dundee became champion Australian/New Zealand 3 year old of the year. He dotted down for 10 wins, 6 of them Group 1's and \$5.4 million in stake money. He is now standing at Arrowfield Stud for a fee of \$27,500 with his H.B. connections still holding shares in him.

Cambridge trainer Murray Baker purchased a Savabeel filly for \$30,000 at the 2013 Karaka sales and passed her on to Murray Andersen who set up the Waimarama Syndicate to race her. Managed by Murray and his wife Jo the syndicate includes their 3 daughters and husbands, Murray's sister Sharyn and her husband Mike Craig, Dave and Jenny Morison and their 3 daughters and husbands. Now racing as Saavoya she hit the headlines at Christmas winning the Group 2 \$100,000 Eight Carat Classic on Boxing Day and the \$100,000 Royal Stakes on New Years Day and has now won 3 races and placed 3 times from 8 starts and stake money of \$130,000. She will be given a rest before racing in the Group 2 \$100,000 Sir Tristram Stakes and then onto the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks.

The Syndicate has another Savabeel filly in work as yet not raced and is named Sew Reel.

Hawkes Bay Racing Inc. General Manager Jason Fleming who shares in the ownership of The Beaut and Nippin was back in the winners circle when they both won at Woodville. Both were expensive purchases The Beaut \$600,000 and Nippin \$220,000.

Napier Accountant Paddy Murphy was thrilled when Ballybay who he co-owns and bred won at Tauherenikau.

There was a lot of talk about Notting Hill before he debuted at Trentham in a \$10,000 maiden 1400 metre race. Raced by H.B.R. Inc. committeeman Lester Drake and wife Kay, Waipukurau trainer David Goldsbury and wife Anne and Havelock North Baker Neville and Jenny Jackson he will do his future racing in Hong Kong.

It has been a long time between drinks for Waipukurau Owner/Trainer and breeder Margaret Larsen. Her last win was at Otaki in December 2001 with the Batsman. Not trialed but an impressive winner in a 1000 metre jumpout at Hastings, Café Culture paid \$30 for a win and \$8.70 for a place at Wanganui and then was an unlucky third at Tauherenikau before bolting in at Marton. Margaret doubts there will be any interest for him as he is now 5 years old. Café Culture is by Hawkes Bay Breeders President Graham Roddick and wife Isobel's underrated Stallion Citi Habit, a close relative to Rough Habit, who stands at a nominal fee.

Hawkes Bay Inc. Committee man Kevin Wood and wife Shirin won their 5th and richest race with The Knight when he scored at Otago. They now race him with Otatau trainer Bruce Tapper.

Brilliant mare Recite returned to racing with a dominant win in a \$40,000 open sprint at Matamata. Although not having raced since Melbourne in the spring she was a good winner at the jumpouts at Hastings and a trial winner at Otaki. Her win was made more impressive by having to carry top weight of 59kg and running 1:08.14 on a dead track. Her next start could be the Group 3 \$70,000 Cuddle Stakes at Trentham.

The bi-monthly trophy for December/January was won by Margaret Larsen's 5year old Citi Habit gelding Café Culture.



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MANAWATU MATTERS

Allan Fenwick

Denise and Tony Climo along with Kamada Bloodstock share in the ownership of the Per Incant filly Bella Court who earned her place in the Karaka Millions field with a second and a win at her only 2 previous starts.

Association Vice President Michael Collinson is a shareholder in Mighty Solomon, one of the most promising young gallopers around. He has won 5 races and been placed 2nd or 3rd in his only 7 races since resuming in the spring. Running third in the Group 1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile augers well for an autumn campaign aimed at some of the big 1600m races.

Christopher Grace was rewarded for his patience when Buck Cannon was successful at Awapuni in February. The 4 year old High Chaparral gelding, astutely prepared by Alexander Fieldes, was having his first start since last racing in December, 2013

Irish Chat, trained by Howie Mathews, finally broke through maiden ranks at Tauherenikau, after a series of placings for Fay and Mark Fearon and John Roache. These members also race Prioritise along with Bill Gleeson and Keith Towers. The Alamosa mare was a winner at Wanganui.

Peroni continues to race consistently for Peter Gillespie and has been placed 2nd or 3rd an incredible 11 times in 22 starts. The one win Rock of Gibraltar mare is trained by Mike Breslin.

Master Thomas raced by former Manawatu Racing Club President Graeme Martin capped off some good form with a win at Trentham on Wellington Cup Day and his stablemate and half brother Master Jack has also been placed at his last 3 outings. Both are trained at Awapuni by Tracy Collis.

Our Alchemist made it back to back Greymouth Cup wins in January. The Kevin Myers trained mare is raced by a Syndicate from Marton including Association Secretary Allan Fenwick.

Sharing in the ownership of the lightly raced Gifted Lad are members David Kneebone, Kevin O'Brien and Matthew Fenwick. The Zabeel gelding shows promise but will need to perform better on raceday to head off half sister Serena Miss, recent winner of the Group 2 Matamata Breeders Stakes and runner up in the Wakefield Challenge Stakes.

Hamish MacDonald races Stowaway, a recent winner at Trentham. He is trained by Gary Vile and is another by Castledale that Hamish and Gary have enjoyed success with.

Macfinn, trained by Rachel Frost and part owned by the Hoods of Levin was a winner at Tauherenikau.

The RACE group of Clubs has introduced a new promotion intended to give Club members a feel for racehorse ownership. Marvelle, by O'Reilly from the Redoute's Choice mare Cabazon is raced by her owners Goodwood Stud Ltd and the RACE Horse Members Club. The two year old filly is trained by Gary Vile. When she races 20 Members will be drawn at random from those that advise that they will be on course. They will be provided with a VIP experience as "Owners" for the day including meeting the trainer & jockey. At race meetings hosted by a RACE Club there will also be a behind the scenes tour. Members are kept informed with a regular newsy email which provides an update on "Alice". It would be great if she could live up to her racing name which is of Spanish / Latin origin and means "a miracle to behold". Well done RACE on this initiative.

WAIRARAPA RACING CLUB
CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

The Wairarapa Racing Club celebrated 150 years of racing at its Waitangi Day race meeting. The Club has raced



'Tie Me Down' – oh no you cant!

almost exclusively on the picturesque course at Tauherenikau, near Featherston and about an hour's drive from Wellington over the Rimutaka ranges. An extensive planting programme carried out by the early Stewards of the Club has resulted in a beautiful bush setting. The Club's tradition of offering a great day of family entertainment was the foundation for much of the successful programme now offered throughout the country by the NZ Racing Board under its 'Summer Festival of Racing' banner.

Past President Graham Hodder and his Jubilee Committee are to be commended on the work that they did in arranging a display of photographs, colours and other memorabilia depicting the Club's activities over the last 150 years.

Tie Me Down won the feature race on the day, the Listed Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes putting a smile on the face of trainer Roydon Bergerson, who was very disappointed with her previous run. The Pins mare had won 4 of her first 5 starts before failing. For rider Kelly Myers the win was a milestone 500th victory.

Incidentally it was another Little Avondale Trust owned horse Kekova, who provided Lisa Allpress with her 1,000th victory when she won the same event in 2013. unexpectedly at Trentham. Appropriately the winning owners, Little Avondale Trust and the Williams family, are the best known and most successful thoroughbred breeders in the Wairarapa.

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND SAYINGS

Fiona Hurst

The new year is well under way and with the mornings getting darker a hint of winter is edging its way into our thoughts. Before we move onto winter racing though we have to wrap up our summer/autumn points series. To Margaret Svensson's delight her mare 'Locket' trained by John and Karen Parsons won the recent points series. With impressive race day performances during the points series including six starts for two wins, three seconds and a third placing it was always going to be hard for the chasing bunch to catch the six year old Keeper mare out of Equity Rose. Getting close though was 'Miss Alice' a stable mate of Locket and her performance during the points series was nearly as impressive with two wins, two seconds and a third for her owner Stan Jones. Miss Alice is by Pins out of Raining. Third placing went to Terill Charles and Peter Corbett with their horse Eva Keeneva who had three second placings and two thirds.

Not enough can be said about the fantastic success Terrill Charles is having with her three North Island ex pat race horses. She has turned their form around and now is back up north with

Eva Keeneva, Lakota and She's Insatiable with three second placings in as many starts with Eva Keeneva and Lakota at Ellerslie and a third placing in the Wellington Cup with She's Insatiable The latter of the three running in the Auckland Cup as this bulletin goes to print. What a high for the hard working trainer and her supportive husband. They make a great team and are enjoying the rewards of owning outright all of their horses in work.

Some credible mentions of late, Hurikin, the Towkay gelding for owner Rod Moore never puts in a bad performance, eleven starts in the last year for three wins, four seconds and two thirds.

Members Dave and Pat Jones and their home bred mare Cleo Layne rewarded their patience at Omakau recently winning her maiden race in the fillies and mares' 1400. Cleo Layne is by Sakhee's Secret out of Valachi Downs Canterbury Breeders Stakes race winning mare Madam Stravinsky.

Ray and Jill Coupland are having great success with their filly Another Coup who broke maidens at Cup Week last year, struck again at the end of Cup Week then went on to win the Listed Dunedin

Guineas at the start of February and secured another victory at her next start at Riccarton in open company.

Ken and Bev Voyce have had two consecutive wins with their Red Ransom gelding Prince Ransom during December 2014 after eluding the winners circle for eighteen months.

John and Evelyn Carran are never far from the winners circle with their horses trained by the Pitman team. El Chico is still performing credibly after eight seasons of racing including 112 starts for 21 wins. Southern Sav and Coup Darci Be are providing their owners with something to smile about too.

Where's Stevie produced a barnstorming run down the home straight to win his second start fresh up for owners Stu and Sue McGiffert, based at Otaio, who also have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary recently.

Coming up we will have our annual Stud Tour. This is a chance to view local progeny that will be heading to this year's sales at Christchurch. Watch out for the info on that in your mail box or inbox.



Syndicate members with Elucidate at Ellerslie, December 2014

RACEHORSE SYNDICATION – BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

The only thing bulging more than the Winners Circle room at Ellerslie on 25 October 2014 were the eyes of Dave the hospitality guru, as a throng of jubilant owners poured into his domain three times faster than he could pour the beersies and bubbles. The eyes of Brad from Taupo were wet with tears as he gushed "Forget needing a bigger wall for all these winning photos mate, I'm gonna need a bigger house! – this is just the best." Our syndicate star Pinzaara has just scored her fourth win on her home course and while the 60 or so syndicate members on track yelled and screamed and shook the stand, I just stood stunned as with ears flattened back she refused to let Group one winner Albany Reunion, with ears pricked, get past. George Simon effusive in his commentary as she crossed the line almost a length in front, "she just LOVES it here at Ellerslie"

Wind back the clock six years to an ARC Board meeting. The topic of a Club managed syndicate was raised and rather hastily dismissed by some around the table as "probably too hard." As the newest member of the Board I had been like the new kid in class, a bit too shy to raise my hand, even when I thought I knew the answer. But this time I put it up and asked: "Please Sir, can I have a go?" I was given six months to complete the assignment.

Long-time friend and successful trainer Stephen McKee was sought to help me put the first syndicate together. Six horses were available to lease from Waikato Stud and we checked them out, and both put a tidy little No Excuse Needed filly at the top of class. Four weeks later, with the Syndicate over half full, I went back to Waikato Stud to confirm we wanted her, but was told the fillies had all gone. Briefly dismayed, they then said hang on, there is one left – the No Excuse Needed filly. Excited she was still available; I wondered why no one else wanted her. But then again, only one person bid on Bonecrusher. Two more horses were leased to complete the Syndicate, and we were on our way.

As Masquerade, the NEN filly lined up for her first trial at Avondale and powered home from last to win. Margaret, Trish and Lorraine, soon to be known simply as the "the ladies", loudly cheered her home from the otherwise empty stand. Steve Davis, tongue planted firmly in cheek, asked me on air if they thought she was in the Railway Handicap, to which I replied, "they gotta have dreams eh Steve?"

Shortly after, Masquerade gave the syndicate a perfect start, winning second up as a 2yo, then four months later triumphed fresh up in the listed Soliloquy Stakes at Ellerslie. Over 50 owners crammed onto the victory dais, something most of them had only ever previously done in their dreams. "The best day of my life," I kept hearing from the stunned syndicate members.

The Chairman of the Board gave my assignment a pass mark.

A trip to Riccarton for the Group two 1000 Guineas followed, and a big team of owners converged on Christchurch. Our eclectic bunch mixed in the pre-race hospitality area with luminaries of NZ racing and our girl did us proud, finishing close up behind Katie Lee.

This was the first of many journeys our Syndicate was to embark on in the years ahead. We had a great start and more success was to come. So Regal bagged four wins and numerous placing over three seasons in both Islands and Nazeer a brace of wins up North for a second syndicate. More recently, Cantina scored an impressive victory at Counties in just her second start and resumed last month with a cracking third at Te Rapa. And new recruit Elucidate kept up our proud record at Ellerslie when digging deep to win at her third start in December.

This season, the now pregnant Pinzaara has taken us to Hawkes Bay for their marvelous spring carnival, then back to Christchurch during Cup Week, where valuable black type was added to her pedigree page for owners Waikato Stud. She bowed out from racing in the Railway Handicap, and in a slightly fuller stand than at the Avondale trials, the "ladies" were living the dream, and still making just as much noise.

Of course they haven't all been winners – this is racing after all. There has been the richly bred Zabeel, beaten by the ambulance on debut and sent home in disgrace, the daughter of the group two winner that ran last in two trials and the one the jockey said would need a rocket up her "backside" to ever win a race. But one of the most rewarding parts of this experience has been watching these people from all walks of life get together on race day and love every minute of it, win or lose. Alongside the Ellerslie parade ring Colleen, part owner of the Melbourne Cup favourite that year, mixes with John who



Pinzaara defeats Albany Reunion at Ellerslie, October 2014

waited 30 years for his first winner. Doctor Jim diagnoses the main dangers with Wayne the forestry worker and the Schoolteachers Rob and Rob get a few lessons on conformation from the horse trainer. They say horse racing is a great leveler. This can be in such a wonderful way.

October 2014. The big group who six years ago were mostly strangers and had long since become friends, hugged and kissed and laughed and sobbed and as one raised their glasses to our little Pinzy. Peter comes up to me and says, "You know, I've raced a few winners on my own, but nothing beats the feeling of sharing success with a group of people like this."

That said it all really.

Brent Cooper – Manager, Auckland Racing Club Winners Circle syndicate.

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STUD CHAT WITH SAM March 2015

What's hotter, Per Incanto or this incredible summer?! To round it off we had a successful Karaka Sale and the Hurricanes and Black Caps are in great form.

The Dame Lowell Goddard bred Rocanto (Per Incanto-Romantic Liaisons by Danasinga) gave Per Incanto his first black-type winner when he won the Listed Reid & Harrison Matamata Slipper. From his first crop to date Per Incanto has sired six individual winners from ten starters

including three stakes performers in Rocanto, Nahema (Per Incanto - Our Prized Rose by Prized) and Dal Cielo (Per Incanto-Cent From Heaven by Centaine).

Great to see such an exciting race in the Little Avondale Lowland Stakes with two high class fillies Platinum Witness and Savaria dead heating. Lisa Latta took home more of our sponsorship money with Mighty Solomon's win of the Per Incanto at LA Sprint earlier in the day.

On the racing front, Tie Me Down gave LA and our fellow owner/breeder Pip McCarroll a huge thrill when she won the Pioneer Finance Wairarapa Breeders Stakes on Waitangi Day in front of a big holiday crowd. Kekova, whom we raced with a wonderful bunch of friends, also took the honours in 2013.

There has been a good deal of talk regarding the J Swap Contractors Matamata Breeders Stakes result. Despite the outcome, of a very very close second, we were extremely proud of the Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd bred Nahema to do what she did only eight days after her winning debut at Te Aroha. We race some lovely horses with the Homebush Syndicate and bloodstock agent Bruce Perry looks to have found us another little gem in Nahema.

We were delighted that the Road To Rock-Baradevi filly we presented at Karaka in partnership with Jim Barlow took the eye of Phil Cataldo and Luca Cumani. One of the leading trainers in England, it is Luca and his family's first foray into the New Zealand industry and they chose a lovely filly that we hope is the beginning of a long relationship.

All of our Karaka yearlings are accounted for but there are still some lovely types out there in the market for syndication. It's what we love about racing most, sharing the success with friends so if the opportunity arises with fun people go for it!



A PRIVATE BATTLE

*Eclipse Award winner Turf Journalist –
Ron Virgets – Daily Racing Form 1980*

Just as it is by the first growths of the Montrachet Vineyards that winegrowers might wish you to judge the work of their hearts, hands and heads, so it is with horse owners who want thoroughbred racing to be judged by the magnificence of its Secretariats and John Henrys.

But sometimes it is by the 'vin ordinaire', the table wines drunk without fuss or frills, that we know the special relationship of growers to their soil, that we approach the essence of what wine drinking is all about. Sometimes it is among the 'vin ordinaire' of the thoroughbreds and the people who ride them that we approach what horse racing is all about.

The night was one of the Jersey nights that curse themselves with cold and rain and the horses were running at The Meadowlands. The horse had started out as an allowance prospect. But did not prove temperamentally suited for it and had been dropped to the \$40,000 claiming range. Now with a kinky tendon in one foreleg and chips in the other he was running for almost half that amount.

The rider also had proved temperamentally unsound for any real success. There had been recurring struggles with New York cocaine life and a tendency to oversleep. Now he was riding to show people he was worth another look.

Together they made the run to the first turn in good order, but the troublesome knee wavered through the turn. On the backstretch there were three separate clusters and this horse and rider were in the second group of horses.

The mud, great frozen clods flung back like insults by the rooster tails of the leaders, pelted those in the second flight. Horse and rider took blows that would welt their bodies and raise thoughts of retreat.

But this particular horse and rider together in danger of becoming no ones memory, kept their forward surge, the horse darting his head and neck far forward, dodging the mud and searching for the chance to challenge the leaders, the rider trusting his animals courage and staying behind his head. Their brave run in the final half mile was not good enough and they finished third.

The rider eased his horse to a stop and got him to stand still for a few moments. Then he turned him and brought him gently back to the finish line reaching down and patting him over and over.

"You're a game game horse," he said several times. "I don't care what they say, I'd ride you anytime. You're a game game horse."

That is how this thoroughbred was saluted for a success the depth of which only his rider knew. This particular horse and rider each with no particular place to go.

THE OWNER'S FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owner's Federation in January and February 2015.

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THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS – MARY MOUNTIER

[Ed Note
Mary Mountier
meets Nijinsky
at Claiborne Farm
Kentucky USA
July 1980.]

What was the most important, moving or significant event of the 1982 racing year in New Zealand? For me that is easy to answer.

By far the most significant thing that happened in 1982, and this is as subjective as one can get, was coming to grips with the fact that my very first racehorse was not another Dahlia. In fact, to be perfectly honest, she was never going to win a single race.

After two years in training, my little darling managed one second in an extraordinarily weak maiden field, and it was time to count my losses. This wonderful horse, whom I had lovingly fed carrots and apples by the bucketful on my weekly visit to her stable, whom I had photographed from every possible angle on every possible occasion, for whom I had planned careful programmes to get that black type in the easiest possible way, and after whom I had driven hundreds of miles around the countryside to watch her performing - my pride and joy was actually no good.

It was not that she could not run – Chatter simply did not want to. She was quite happy to lope along in front until the home turn, and then equally happy to allow herself to be passed by most of the field thereafter.

“St. Paddy, that’s her problem,” muttered a learned colleague darkly. Apparently her grandfather had no guts either, or as the English prefer more delicately to put it, he was “irresolute.” But at least he won the Derby and St. Leger.

I had no wish to breed from a gutless wonder, so with heavy heart I decided not to take up my right of purchase, and sent Chatter back to her breeder.

That agonising decision – to give up a horse you have spent so much money on (not to mention time and thought) – is not an easy one, yet no doubt it is made countless times all over the world, every day. For every winner that makes a heart beat faster, there are a whole heap of also – rans who cause stomachs to sink as inexorably as a fleet of Titans. Backed by a fashionable pedigree, it does not matter that much, but here in New Zealand, as elsewhere, the market is overloaded with poor performers from average bloodlines, and there is just no point in producing any more.

But hope springs eternal, they say. Particularly in the human breast of racehorse owners. Now there is this nice little Double Nearco filly going cheap...



Mary Mountier meets Nijinsky at Claiborne Farm Kentucky 1980

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Written by Pam Trusttum

It brought back some great memories for me, when Party Ice won a R65 1400m at Ashburton last month in the hands of Rosie Myers. Now raced out of the Ashburton stable of Danny Champion and Kezia Murphy, Party Ice is raced by a friend of ours and ex Timaruvian, Phil Kerr. She is by Savabeel out of the 3 win Stravinski mare Skate, and thus being the Grand- daughter of our stable star of yesteryear in Star On Ice.

My husband Gary was asked to take a look at two rising 2yo fillies that belonged to prominent racing enthusiast and owner the late Doug McIlraith. The fillies were on an agistment property at Mayfield, so Gary and Doug went up to see them. As soon as Gary set eyes on the plain bay, Half Iced filly he was hooked. She had a lot of superficial scarring on her front legs, and even a slight bow to the tendon, but because it was the result of a paddock accident when she apparently took fright after arriving down from

the North Island and went through several fences, Gary was keen to get the athletic filly home. It was a long slow process to settle her in and then be broken in. We gave her the stable name Pip. Gary broke Pip in and worked her up at home and all went well till we decided it was time to take her into the Timaru track for a bit of starting gate experience. As soon as you loaded her up in the truck and started to drive off she would lie down, so I became chief truck driver and Gary would stand in the back with her to give her confidence. This went on for quite some time but eventually she realized there was nothing to worry about and Pip became a great trucker.

The starting gates was the next big scary issue, and I can still remember saying to my brother, Russell, “We will never get this silly tart to the races.” Fortunately we did get her to the races and she was named Star On Ice, and I raced her in Partnership with Mervyn and Andrea Hall from Glenavy and Matt McIlraith. Pip was placed

in a fillies race as a three year old and although a consistent place getter it took 16 starts before she won a Maiden 1200m at Ashburton under the guidance of the Magic Man, Chris Johnson. We had an absolute ball racing her, as she was as honest as the day is long and she won 10 races for us including the Speights Dunedin Gold Cup, the Waikouaiti Cup, and the Listed Great Autumn Stakes at Riccarton. She was a front-running stayer that could reel off 12s to the furlong, and became one of the easiest horses in the stable to ride. Just shows what a bit of love, patience and perseverance can do for a highly strung filly.

Star On Ice had some success at stud leaving two handy geldings by Generous, Three Chimneys who won 7 races and was Group3 placed, and Halls who won 8 races. Now with her grand-daughter, Party Ice being trained and raced by our friends at Ashburton I am hopeful that there will be many more exciting times ahead for them all.

I RECKON!

Hi there. From your roving reporter

Was down to Karioitahi Beach last week. It is west of Pukekohe and there I witnessed a training facility that is just about perfect. The tide was out and the sand smooth. A few motor bikes zooming up and down the 10 mile straight. Sky divers, kites, motorized paragliders, dogs, seagulls, swimmers/surfers a couple of jetskis, four longline fishing, three rod fishers etc

Then there were 4 trotters about 12 gallopers and two truck loads of polo ponies all doing their strengthening work with a roll in the sand after, and the surf patrol teams all making use of the glorious day. Doesn't happen every day but I hear that the thoroughbreds use the beach to do all their strengthening work and pop into Byerley Park or Counties to complete a training programme. My observation was the horses enjoy the beach and become accustomed to the noise and movements, and the salt water that acts as a healer of tired muscles cuts and swellings.

The worst aspect is that although the cost on the beach is nothing the cost of going to the track is \$20 a day. Wow, that is ridiculous. It should be about \$11.50 per day discounted by 10% if paid by a date for all users of the track. If you believe me then the Owners and Trainers Associations should discuss with the clubs.

Went into see the progress at Counties new main course. The track is just dirt at the moment. The inside main drain is dug and there are wires and pipes positioned and next will be the filling. Then there is the sub drains positioned but yet to be dug. So there is a while to go before grass seed is sown. In the meantime horses are using the inner tracks. The coffee machine is \$2 and there is hot water and a set of scales available for the trainers.

Other thoroughbred training facilities Byerley Park and Ardmore are both private with their own rules and regulations. Both are doing well with the trainers from both producing winners.

Popped in to see the races at Ellerslie, my favourite course since the 1940's. Then I was too young to have a bet, but we kids picked up tickets and found a good one for General Mentieth that was a dividend four of us shared.

Now with the new stand and facilities, there are a lot of empty seats. Then there are the marques for groups, for wining and dining. So I guess the stands are not suitable. I'm of the opinion that the Committees of Clubs should be focusing on the owners and their friends to bring back the numbers. That is not only for the dollars through the tote but the overall enthusiasm of racing. Members of clubs are usually up with the play but I find that the number of members attending meetings is well down on the old attendances. Clubs are like a shop window for the industry and the only thing they can sell is a bet on the tote, expensive food, and refreshments. So there has to be a change somewhere.

We had a museum not so long ago and that is a forgotten aspect. Shame on the industry for not pursuing the greatness of those that made up such a grand history. The ever popular Standardbred Hall of Fame at Alexandra Park shows the records are being kept for the oncoming generations. Their Hall of Fame is a credit to their industry and those that are in charge are busy showing the tourist



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people the history of the Standardbred. The thoroughbred is more worldwide and it would be a fantastic show for all to see how great the galloping greats have been.

So to sum up my observations, Clubs and private tracks to charge say 11.50 per day per horse; Clubs to have owners rooms and encourage owners friends; Clubs to offer food and refreshments at reasonable prices or put them out to tender; Clubs to make use of their stands rather than hiring marques. Start up a museum. So that's my lot what-y-recon.

One more catchy one. Who in their right mind would have a City of Melbourne Cup? So change the City of Auckland Cup and call it the Christmas Cup or say the City of Sales Cup and keep the prestige of the Auckland Cup as it should be. Cheers Ken Cramer-Roberts

[Ed note – Below is the NZTR Pattern Committee comment on this race.]

City of Auckland Cup H G2 (downgrade) to G3 – conducted over 2400m by ARC on New Year's Day, this race, like the other northern Cup races leading up to it, has continued to decline in quality since the Auckland Cup was shifted to March. It has failed to meet the required 107 APC minimum benchmark in each of the past five years and its three latest renewals were at the lower end of the G3 Handicaps. The Committee, while concerned at seeing a number of the historic summer Cup races trending down each year, felt compelled to downgrade this race to G3 based on its recent performances, notwithstanding the proposed stake increase to \$200,000.

HAUNUI STALLIONS SET THE PACE

IFFRAAJ - LEADING 3YO SIRE

9 stakes performers this season including:

- ♦ G1 2000 Guineas-winner Turn Me Loose
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GREAT START TO 2015 FOR HAUNUI FARM AND STALLIONS

The last instalment of the Owner's Magazine saw Haunui busy preparing for Karaka 2015 and with the sale well behind us, focus now moves to handling and weaning and, breaking-in.

To quickly reflect on what was a hectic two weeks at Karaka, Haunui achieved a remarkable clearance rate of 95% selling 41 of 43 yearlings offered through the ring with progeny by young stallions Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic) and Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream) fetching six figures in Premier and Select. New Zealand's Leading Sire of 3YO's, Iffraaj, had 27 yearlings sell through the week with a top price of \$150,000 and sale average of just under \$49,000 whilst Showcasing completed the week with a sale average of \$54,000 for 24 yearlings sold with a top price in Premier of \$150,000, a top price in Select of \$125,000 and a top price in Festival of \$70,000.

Haunui Farm Managing Director Mark Chitty says, "Upon reflection it was a very successful sale for us in terms of sale ring results, our clearance rate and importantly, the popularity of both Iffraaj and Showcasing. For Showcasing to sire the Karaka Million-winner, Hardline – also a graduate of the farm – from his first crop was a great result and the progeny of Iffraaj just keep performing. To be standing the leading 2YO and First Season Sire, Showcasing and, the leading 3YO sire, Iffraaj, is exciting and with autumn racing just getting underway, there is plenty to look forward to."

Immediately after the yearling sales, the team at Haunui were busy assessing the 2014 foal crop and planning for the sales season of 2016 is well underway. Mark continues, "Handling and weaning is well underway and the first two groups of breakers have started that process so we have 12 breakers currently in the first phase of breaking-in. With 110 foals to wean and around 30 yearlings to break-in as well as yearlings in preparation for Sydney Easter and, the South Island Sale, there is plenty to keep on with over the coming months."

A quick veterinary tip from Mark for this time of the year is, vaccinations. He says, "It is important to ensure vaccination of mares and foals takes place at this time of the year. You should be fully vaccinating your foals against tetanus and strangles and your pregnant mares against viral abortion."



Iffraaj's top-priced yearling,
Lot 1016 ex Indian Sky, \$150,000

"We don't see a lot of tetanus because of vaccination, it's one thing if you vaccinate for it, you don't get it. On the other hand, the vaccinations for strangles and viral abortion don't have 100% efficacy however, vaccination reduces the severity of the disease if you are unlucky enough to contract it."

Breeders should consult their veterinarians in regard to a vaccination programme for their mares and foals and get it underway as soon as possible as it is generally a standard requirement in service contracts, particularly protection against viral abortion.

THE B * * * * *

Neil Miller

I'd had a busy life. The previous 20 years had been exciting running a gang making concrete wall panels on site. Big stuff some from 16m high to 35 tonnes heavy. Some we called 'spooky'. Nearly every Monday saw us with a big crane that cost up to \$8 a minute. That and keeping all safe had me really focused and I became an adrenaline junkie.

Around the time of my retirement I got an inheritance from my parents estate. They had taken me to the races with my siblings from when we were babies. Our father was very keen on the horses though a careful punter. I knew he would have loved to own a horse but was far too tight. When he got old I took him to the races. So I thought, PJ I will use your money and buy a share in a horse.

So I rang up this bloke, the Legend, who had part owned and trained the best mare in the world, after the Karaka sales. He said that I had better come and have a look at the four he had bought. I went and the first question I asked him was which one/s he was going to stay in and straight off that got it down to two. But I had my heart set on one from her breeding. She was from a great family though her dam was unraced. The dam's trainer told me much later that she was nothing less than mad, bad and trouble.

The Legend brought out this liver chestnut filly and it was love at first sight, she was the sweetest thing. I asked him show me her correctness so he grabbed a lead and went over her. But first he said, "Look she has got 4 feet all the same size." I said "You're kidding" but he wasn't. He said if she was no good I would soon know as he would bail out. I bought a leg.

A report came from the breakers they liked her a lot. Back to the stable the 'sweetest thing' loved her strapper big E to bits but then he left and she developed a tough push back attitude. The Legend said fillies are not much good unless they can push and shove. A bit like women he opined. But push and shove became scary for the unwary. She loved me though because I never tried to make her do anything. I could then and still could now kiss her lips.

I learned stables are busy places and owners get in the road so I visited her every 3 weeks. That worked well because equine dummies like me can't see any changes if you visit too often. Then when she was racing I did a pre race check to get some opinion as to chances. I never gave her sweets as one day the Legend and I went to look at the 'greatest mare in the world' who was a peppermint addict and after he gave her the 'fix' she vigorously rummaged my central region with her nose and teeth to see if I was carrying. Not nice!

As a late foal our B was never going to be an early 2yo so it was in May that we go to Avondale very excited to see her first trial. She ran a nice 3rd close up. The next trial 3 weeks later really showed us how good she could be. She drew the

outer and stayed wide. She picked up the leader at the 200 and out and 'dropped' him. Third was 6 lengths back and she ran the fastest 700m of the day. A very happy drive home from Paeroa.

The first raceday start at Tauranga was on a holding track where she drew the inside and stayed on the rails in or near the lead but at the 200 said NO!

The new season begins and she has two starts at Whangarei where she does silly things but runs a third then a 4th. Other very happy drives home.

On to Paeroa, I am going to punt up on B today. Pre the race I talk to the Trainer to see if we are going to run in the upcoming Soliloquy Stakes. He doesn't think she is good enough yet. Well that changed after B bolted in. That was my first experience at a winner's celebration. I say a few words mostly thank you and we head off for the "big smoke." Just over the Ohinemuri bridge I have to pull over as the thickness of the wallet under my right butt cheek is causing spinal misalignment. I have 'walking around' money that lasts a very long time.

In the Soliloquy Stakes she is still trying to do it her way but comes home fast for third. The Legend says we now know this thing can stay. We now have BLACK TYPE.

Back at Ellerslie for a 1200m 3yo race we are hot favourite to win and someone put 10k on her. Wasn't me! It didn't look good when she copped a big bump straightening up. NZTR website says "6th outer, charged home late, easy"

After a spell there are bigger fish to fry. It's back to a 1200 trial at Avondale in December where she got headed by that good old horse Cog Hill but had a real dig back at him. The B is back for sure!

Then followed the Eight Carat, the Desert Gold Stakes and the Sir Tristram Fillies. The results were varied but easy to see why and it became clear that she hated bad tracks, being crowded, or taking gaps. It looked like up and handy one out would keep her happy.

We are after the NZ Oaks and for the lead up Wuz came up to ride her at Ellerslie. She stuck on well for 4th and he said after if he had known her ways he could have done better. The race was a 2100m on a soft track that didn't suit so it was a good trial.

We flew to Wellington to stay at my brother's place. Their children had come home from overseas to celebrate a birthday. I took some videos down of the B's races which they find exciting. I have been writing a blog called The B***** Fan Club for family and friends but its gone much wider. The B will be carrying some money.

We do the night before cocktail party for Owners and it was very pleasant, then wake to a fine day and the two family cars get us to the track. I had got in touch with the Club's Manager for extra tickets which he kindly supplied.

Prior to the race the Trainer asked me if I would go with him to help saddle up and on the way we met the owner of the favourite. He was very unhappy "They have made us hot favourite. Bloody ridiculous!" he said.

I found out why I was wanted to help saddle up as I was instructed to stand outside the stall and hold the B's head with the reins in my

outstretched fists. I'm face to face with a wild eyed hissing beast while the Trainer and Dave struggled to get the saddle on.

Back with the family we watched the birdcage parade and the B was putting on the attitude. A kickass one! I asked the novice family racegoers if bets were on and was appalled when the young ones told me they had 50 bucks on the nose EACH! I had oversold them with my selected videos. My brother and his wife had a nudge each, the Evalovin a nice nibble and I had a whack as it's kind of not likely to happen again. We didn't need to go mad though with prices \$43 and \$9.80 the place!

The B jumps from wide, goes forward, eyeballs the leader and stays there. Oh Lord you can't do that over 2400m and last, but 600 out she is still there. At the top of the straight its just her but Wuz still has a hold and I was told after that, the Trainer had told him that if she led in nothing would get by. He was wrong, as midway down the straight a stout filly headed her, but Wuz just waited and waited for the other jock to pull the whip first, then the B ground back ahead. Tony Lee, the commentator yelled "Tough as teak, she has come again to win!"

In the birdcage we are all excited Wuz kind of apologizes for the ride, said of the inside horse, "On the back straight I said to her twice, let me lead but no! So silly, I could have towed her all the way to the finish". I get interviewed by the press as I am the only owner there, we have the birdcage presentation and the Prez invites our group up to the Presidents room. Yes, we really need a drink or three!

Up in the sanctum we stay longer than is proper and it's after the last race we float out the door. There's a table where three tote staff are cashing up. There are security guys coming up the stairs to collect the money. We tell them to hang on, we are taking it, and there was just enough to pay us out.

On to a restaurant that night I care little of what it cost me and so to bed where I didn't sleep till the small hours due to a video of the race looping around in my head. We flew home to Auckland a mile higher than the plane carrying a huge garland of flowers, a goody bag and a precious glass sculpture, the NZ Oaks Trophy.

There followed a tilt at the AJC Oaks in Sydney where we were very unlucky to just miss the win. That entitled us to attempt a Caulfield - Melbourne Cup campaign. But that's another story!

As the Trainer and the Legend would say there are no shortage of races for a very good horse. It's finding that horse that's the hard thing.

Oh we had plenty of downs. Bone chips, a couple of tendons and heart stopping refusals to be mounted and leave the birdcage. But the B came back and when she was on she just bashed them.

Of the B, I named you and you were the Maria Callas of racing. Hot, tempestuous and tough as can be. I love you! You took us places, high as a kite and took us low. We met amazing people. I believe you made me a better loser; a notion our family find ridiculous. Better still you became a family legend and thrilled your fan club.

Then if my Dad was looking down he got a hell of a ride for his money.

LANCE NOBLE RACING

So, I don't remember a time when I wasn't obsessing about horses, be they racehorses or sport horses. They have been a constant and solid companion of mine since forever ago, I can't imagine a life without them and I can confidently say that my husband, Lance is exactly the same.

Lance and I started syndicating racehorses 8 years ago because it gave us the opportunity to go to the sales and purchase horses that we liked and were happy to train. Also, through experience, we had seen how some syndicates had struggled because they didn't have the right structures in place from the word go. This can easily lead to miscommunication and some people not enjoying their experience of racehorse ownership and we could see the potential in developing professional and robust systems around this. Sure, not all horses are going to be champions but as an owner (and I have owned several placed with other Trainers) you need to have a good experience, win lose or draw, although I only like winning!

At Lance Noble Racing, our point of difference is that syndication isn't the core part of our business; it's just part of it, a service that we provide to complement Lance's training. Each year we go the sales and buy both for specific orders and 2 or 3 to syndicate. Pedigree aside, we select the 'type' of horse that we know will withstand the physical demands of training. In 2008 I became an Authorised Syndicator and since then we've spent time working with owners to find the best system that suits everyone's needs. It takes a while to learn that you aren't going to please 100% of the people 100% of the time, but we still try very hard to do just that. Our results and our loyal and returning clients are testament to this, with our client list growing every year.

Size wise, we try to keep our syndicates relatively small, most falling under the term 'Partnership' in the strictest meaning of the term, because we like to keep the personal touch, although we do have a couple of larger

groups. Interestingly, we have found that there is a different mindset from those who are involved in leased horses (who tend to prefer smaller percentage shares) from those who purchase their share (and tend to prefer larger percentage shares) but they all share the same passion for racing. We all use words like thrilling, exciting and fun but you don't really get it until you're in the middle of it, actually experiencing it firsthand. Aside from the common theme of 'always wanting to own a share in a racehorse' the reasons for dipping your toe in are many and varied; we have families wanting to share a common interest, people wanting to expand their social circle and pedigree enthusiasts who like certain families. We have people who only want to be involved in smaller partnerships and people who only want to be part of something much larger, but they all want someone to share the thrills of the experience with. Apart from the obvious financial advantages of multi-person ownership that's the greatest thing about Syndication, there's something to suit everyone.

Working with NZTR on the development of Syndication has been an incredibly valuable experience for us. The working party has included a selection of Trainers and Syndicators who are all very passionate about what they do and how it can be done better and it's given us a lot of confidence for the future.

To find out more about us, or any of the share opportunities that we have, visit our website www.lancenobleracing.co.nz. We're always free for a chat and we love to show our stables off if you fancy a visit.



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TE AKAU RACING

Te Akau Racing loves bringing the fun and enjoyment of thoroughbred racing to owners from across New Zealand and the world. Our owners live from Australasia to Denmark, Singapore to Britain, Hong Kong to the United States – our youngest current owner is 17 and our “most senior” is 96.

Te Akau Racing was established in 1979 and in those 36 years we have built a proud honour roll of top class performers. High class gallopers such as Te Akau Nick, Integrate, Cosmetique, King's Chapel, Maroofity, Darci Brahma, Princess Coup, Burgundy, Costa Viva, Warhorse – all horses selected by David Ellis and trained by Te Akau. Other Te Akau-trained star gallopers include NZB Fillies of the Year (we have trained five) Shikoba, Insouciant and King's Rose and more recently Rock 'n' Pop, another Te Akau developed stallion standing at stud.

Te Akau trained horses have won 21 Champion titles in New Zealand and Singapore with War Affair (purchased by David for \$70,000) being named Champion 3YO, Champion Miller, Social Media Horse of the Year and Horse of the Year in Singapore for 2014.

For the past 10 years, Te Akau's David Ellis has been the top buyer at Karaka. That is a vote of confidence in the New Zealand thoroughbred. We are proud of the New Zealand industry and work hard to buy (and sell) promising yearlings that our existing and new owners can be involved with.

When David and Mark Walker go to Karaka, this year joined by Te Akau Racing Manager Jamie Richards, they go to secure the yearlings that we want to have to train in our stables. This year Te Akau purchased a total of 41 yearlings and the shares are proving hugely popular.

“We love introducing new owners to racing and this year already have welcomed over 50 first time owners to the team. Our current owners keep re-investing too – we are lucky to have such an amazing group of supportive and loyal owners who are all very special to us,” says Karyn Fenton-Ellis.

“We are committed to putting our owners first and to winning races for them. Having two Group 1 trainers at the helm of our NZ and Singapore stables, supported by talented staff such as Pam Gerard, Tom Hazlett, Steve O'Neill

and Gus Clutterbuck is also very important. Frequent and detailed communication with our owners is a priority and our owners deal directly with us. We have fun events and really enjoy being involved with enthusiastic people who share our passion for racing.”

While the spotlight might fall on the expensive and beautifully pedigreed horses that we buy – for example the sales' topper this year, the stunning Fastnet Rock/II Quello Veloce filly was knocked down to David for \$800,000 – it's important to remember that we have cracking yearlings who were fantastic buying across all price ranges.

For example Te Akau has only two shares now remaining in a lovely Redwood colt we bought for just \$30,000 – that's only \$3000 plus GST for a 10% share for the half-brother to dual stakes' winner Emerald Queen.

Back to the sales' topping filly – she together with two colts – Lot 58 the Snitzel/Mini Tales colt and Lot 85 the Fastnet Rock/Myrh colt comprise Te Akau's 2015 Breeding Syndicate –

“If people want to be involved in horses with blue blooded pedigrees who we are aiming at Group races and future careers as stallions/high-value broodmares, then this is a wonderful opportunity. Our syndicate is almost completely full with only three shares remaining – a 10% share is \$160,000, a 5% share is \$80,000 and a 2.5% share is \$40,000,” says Karyn.

Another unique option that Te Akau owners enjoy is the chance to race a horse in Singapore from our stable headed by five-time Champion trainer Mark Walker. Mark's had a stunning start to the 2015 season and currently leads the Singapore Trainers' Premiership with 21 wins (seven clear) and almost \$1 million in prize money earned for our owners in just eight weeks.

Singapore is a fantastic place to race your horse. The prize money, relative to training costs, is without doubt the best in the world for racehorse owners. If you have a horse, why not send it to Te Akau Singapore to train for you? Or if you are keen to be involved in a horse to race in Singapore, we have shares available in two young well-bred horses by Pins and Star Witness due to travel to Singapore soon.



There is so much upside to racing in Singapore:

- Your unraced 2/3YO starts racing in a \$75,000 restricted maiden, not a \$7,000 maiden as in New Zealand.
- Training fees are on a par with New Zealand. Also the Singapore Turf Club (STC) provides a \$900 rebate every time your horse races, if not first or last. Horses can race more often as there is no travelling with all horses trained and raced at Kranji. The STC also subsidises its world class veterinary services.
- There are currently 39 feature races per year in Singapore with average prize money of just under \$400,000, ranging up to \$53million. For example the Grp 1 Singapore Derby for 4YOs over 2000m is worth \$51.15 million, the Grp 1 Singapore Gold Cup is run over 2200m each year for \$51.35 million and the Grp 1 Singapore Airlines International Cup over 2000m has a stake of \$53 million.

Flying Fulton who David purchased from the Ready to Run Sale for \$210,000 earned \$1.3 million in stakes in Singapore and was named Singapore Polytrack Horse of the Year. Horse of the Year War Affair, purchased by David for \$70,000, has earned \$1.8 million. Kevin Hickman's 3YO Jimmy Rea arrived unraced from New Zealand and with three wins from five starts has won \$133,000 already. He has a big future ahead as he targets the Singapore 3YO Series with \$250,000, \$350,000 and \$500,000 events.

There are many other success stories – Clutha Lad (bought by David for \$35,000) has earned \$156,500, Alpha Centauri (bought by David for \$60,000) has won \$188,610 in 18 starts while Rise 'n' Shine (by Zabeel from Kay's Awake bought by David and whose half-brother by Savabeel we are currently selling shares in) has already won \$142,800 in only five appearances.

So whether you wish to buy a share in a horse or entrust us with your horse – Te Akau makes every owner feel very welcome – we look after you with care, professionalism and great communication – please feel free to call Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM (an NZTR Authorised Syndicator) on 07 825 4701 or email on karyn@teakauracing.com – she'd love to hear from you.





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