

OWNER'S BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2012



NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED
RACEHORSE OWNERS
FEDERATION



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 THE LATEST EDITION OF THE RACEHORSE OWNERS BULLETIN. WE HAVE FAREWELLED THE LAST SEASON WITH MANY HAPPY MEMORIES.



Those fortunate to attend the upcoming Thoroughbred Racing Awards dinner in Hamilton will have a night and season to remember. The recent Makfi Stakes at Hawkes Bay only goes to underline the strength and quality of New Zealand thoroughbred racehorses. My sincere congratulations to all nominees at these Awards. The winners are truly exceptional athletes; their abilities will no doubt keep us all captivated throughout the season.

It is very pleasing to see the reintroduction of Avondale as a trial and raceday venue. Equally, the recent endorsement of Paeroa, by the Waikato Racing Club offers the industry as a whole, venues that are able to spread the wear on raceday surfaces over a greater number of courses. I congratulate the respective committees for their foresight. Any opportunity to alleviate race or trial day transport costs is very welcome indeed.

The Federation AGM is being held in Hastings on the 7th of October. All members are welcome to attend. This coincides with the 75th Jubilee of the Hawkes Bay Association. I know Tony Lyndon, and his Committee will make everyone welcome. If you are attending the final day of the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival, then please enjoy the 75th Jubilee with Tony, and his team.

Regards, Neil.

NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION INC

Notice of the Annual General Meeting.

When: Sunday, 7 October at 10.00am

Where: The Conference Room, Hibernian Club, Hastings.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

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NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

The next round of NZTR Regional Meetings, to which all industry participants are invited, are as follows:

Palmerston North Regional Meeting:

5.30 pm
Monday 17 September 2012
Stewards Lounge
Awapuni Racecourse

Hamilton Regional Meeting:

12.00 noon
Tuesday 18 September 2012
Kentucky Lounge
Te Rapa Racecourse

Auckland Regional Meeting:

5.30 pm
Tuesday 18 September 2012
Hunterville Room
Ellerslie Racecourse

Invercargill Regional Meeting:

5.00 pm
Wednesday 19 September 2012
Aparima Room
Ascot Park Hotel

Dunedin Regional Meeting:

10.30 am
Thursday 20 September 2012
Kumai Room
Wingatui Racecourse

Christchurch Regional Meeting:

5.30 pm
Thursday 20 September 2012
The Phar Lap Room
Riccarton Park Racecourse

Taranaki Regional Meeting:

12.00 noon
Friday 21 September 2012
La Mer Lounge
New Plymouth Racecourse



Our cover this issue is of
Little Avondale Studs mare One Keen
Lass, with her 16 day old Per Incanto
colt foal born 21 August 2012 .

Thank you Sam and the team at
Little Avondale.

SID MUNRO

by Dennis Ryan

Sid Munro forced change with dogged determination.

Sid Munro, a former Federation President, was one of those men who knew what he wanted and knew how to get it.

His mix of self-belief and dogged determination made him a force to be reckoned with in one of his favourite fields of endeavour, thoroughbred horse racing. There's a saying that there's more politics in racing than there is in politics, but that didn't deter Sid from having a crack at any cause he believed in, going all the way to achieve what he saw as the right and just outcome.

Back in the late 1960s when he became involved in the Racehorse Owners' Federation he was one of the main protagonists along with fellow Waikato-based adherents such as Jack Pollock and Jim Winder in encouraging the Government to appoint a Royal Commission into how the racing industry managed its affairs. That led directly to the establishment of the New Zealand Racing Authority, an organisation that brought together the various factions of a disjointed industry-come sport, which was the fore-runner to the tri-code governing body now known as the New Zealand Racing Board.

Racing has come a long way in the decades since and it could be argued whether it is still made up of the same down-to-earth horse-people enjoying each other's company at the same time as competing and endeavouring to outdo one another on that great leveler, the turf. It was those elements of stockmanship and commonsense that attracted people like Sid Munro to get their hands on a horse, throw a saddle on it and take it to a level of fitness that would enable it to out-run or out-jump its rivals.

Beginning in the early 1960s while farming at Tahuna, Sid won numerous races with horses such as Surging, Umpah and Kaufmann. Surging was one of the best hurdlers of his time and more than a match on the flat as well, Umpah was never very sound but still managed to beat more than beat him, and Kaufmann will be remembered as the steeplechaser that provided the world's most famous jockey, Lester Piggott, with an unlikely win on the flat at Te Rapa in the summer of 1974.

The lasting friendship with Lester and his wife Susan was one of many forged from that common bond with the horse. Others who became lifelong friends – but like Sid are no longer with us – included that master horseman from Morrinsville, Tim Douglas, and the man whose name is synonymous with that great jumper of the 1960s Smoke Ring, Clyde Conway.

Perhaps the most historic win by a horse owned and trained by Sid Munro came in the late 1970s at a time when the pressure was on racing authorities to allow women riders their place in the ranks of jockeys.

The powers that be stood firm, however, telling those members of the supposed weaker sex with pretensions to become professional jockeys that they were too old, not strong enough, or in the case of one of the cause's legendary pioneers Linda Jones, that she didn't qualify because she was a mother!

Justice was forced to prevail when that wily fox Munro trumped the naysayers by engaging Canadian professional jockey Joan Phipps to ride his mare Daphalee in a race at Te Awamutu. Joan was in New Zealand at the time contesting a series of those quaintly labeled Powder Puff Derby's for lady riders and Sid seized the opportunity.

Human rights regulations were not the force then that they are now, but there was still no way of stopping the fully licensed Canadian from taking her place against the males on that historic day, November 1, 1977. The stubborn owner-trainer had played his part when he legged her up on a perfectly primed Daphalee and the polished female jockey did the rest to prove that she was neither too weak, too old or too anything, getting her mount up to win by a head.

The floodgates were thus forced open. Female jockeys were finally allowed their rightful place and have since become an integralsindeed indispensable – part of this country's racing landscape.

One wonders if it was more than just coincidence that, less than 24 hours after Sid passed away in Matamata at the age of 89 on the last Sunday in July, Lisa Allpress, a pint-sized mother of two from Wanganui, became the second woman to win the New Zealand jockeys' premiership.

Sid Munro loved dining out on the many anecdotes from his years in racing. He enjoyed being proven right, he was a gracious winner and a sporting loser and most of all, he made a difference in a game that needed someone of his style to force change.

The Racehorse Owners' Federation extends its sympathies to Sid's wife Diana, his daughter Penny, son Tim and their families.

NOEL HURLEY

by Ron Stanley

16th May 1945 – 8th July 2012

Arriving at the Egmont Races early for another day's work, a smile and a laugh were missing. Noel a feature of CD racing as the birdcage supervisor was not there.

Sadly, Noel passed away on 8th July, 2012. A large gathering of Noel's family and friends attended Noel's funeral at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera on Friday 13th July, 2012.

I met Noel some 35 years ago travelling to Claudelands Yearling sales with Mr Wally McEwan and we had been friends ever since.

Noel loved animals, horses and working dogs were his favourites.

Noel was a member of the Taranaki Wanganui Breeders Association committee and then he came onto the Taranaki District Turf Club. To have a person with the enthusiasm that Noel had was most welcome.

Noel was the president of TDTC for a number of years and then he retired to be treasurer. He was our representative to NZOTA which the Turf Club was affiliated to. A hard worker, Noel grew membership and encouraged owners and new people to be involved in the Turf Club.

The Turf Club always lacked support from helpers. But we made up with the "enthusiastic few of us" who worked at the trials and attended committee meetings. Noel was always in front organising and encouraging all involved.

Noel liked to organise our awards dinners each September and the annual committee dinner held each year. There was always a lengthy debate on how much we were allowed to spend on these events as value for money spent was high on his agenda.

In years past Noel organised 3 to 4 day bus trips to visit studs, stables and take in a race meeting in some part of the North Island. It never ceased to amaze our committee how he could negotiate deals to keep those trips at such a low cost. He wanted all to be involved so did his best to keep it as affordable as possible. They had their regular travellers who looked forward to the June venture away.

Noel set up a number of syndicates to race horses. He encouraged and found new owners involved in racing. Noel achieved a high level of success with Can't Keeper Down running 2nd in the Oaks at Trentham being one of the highlights.

Noel was a long time committeeman of the Waverley Racing Club and when not working on a race day was always out to support the local club's racing.

Noel's wife Janice enjoyed many of the highlights in racing.

Noel unfortunately is another character lost to racing but in the Taranaki Region he will never be forgotten.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Neil Miller

Spring is here again at last. New foals are appearing. Soon the breeding cycle will start all over again. It is a time of optimism but also of care to protect those valuable assets and insure your risk.

In this edition you will see JLT Bloodstock are running their "Insure your foal" advert again. And then in the next issue will likely be the "Insure your mares foetus" advertisement. These advertisements are timely.

Once again we remind members of the special partnership between your NZTROF and JLT Bloodstock, whereby all new business from members with JLT Bloodstock is rewarded by a small commission to your Federation. These monies go into the general fund for services to members. This, your Owners Bulletin is one of those.

To get a quote for your foetus, foal, horse or even alpaca, just phone the 0800 number in the advertisement and ask for Lucinda Laxon, Jane or Liz. They are great people. Be sure to tell them that you are members of one of our Owners Federations.

At the back end of this issue is the Sindbelele story I promised, recalled by Kim Clotworthy.

Down at his house in Waiau Pa, Kim lounged back on an antique walnut horsehair filled sofa that had come from Antrim Castle in 1857 and the words flowed. He said, "I know it's a hairy story, you check it with Gerald Fell" So I did and the story got even more hairy but it was essentially the same one. To balance this and to give a proper picture of what is now a professional industry I caught up with David Cole, CEO of IRT here who brought me up to date on the current service. Thank you Kim, Gerald and David for your assistance and for sharing your experiences and knowledge.

**If we have lived life fully we all have stories to tell.
Will you share yours?**

Contact me – Neil Miller, jeanneil@xtra.co.nz

NOTES FROM THE REGIONS

AUCKLAND NOTES

Neil Miller

Once again our Auckland Association are supporting Counties Racing on their Westbury Stud classic meeting with a race name sponsorship. As in the last two years we will have a number of tickets for Auckland financial members to join your committee on the day. If indeed you have received an invitation direct from CRC please RSVP to them. Otherwise please contact

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Tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis. So be in quick with your names to enjoy a great days racing in convivial company.

We are delighted that the Avondale Jockey Club have reopened the track for trials.

Avondale Trials 4 September *Weather showery track Heavy 10.*

John Craig Avondale Exec reports the event was very successful. Horses trained from Matamata to Whangarei ran; a total of 105 starters. John says reports on the track from trainers were favourable.

Inspection of the track at the meetings conclusion indicated the track had held up well and the AJC can now look ahead to resumption of racing with some confidence.

Auckland Association AGM Sunday 21 October at 3pm

Notices will be coming out to Auckland members soon. Once again the venue will be in the Ascot Stand at Ellerslie racecourse and you will get a warm greeting from the committee.

We advise again that we are seeking new blood to join us. The duties are not onerous

No working bees or fund raising efforts are required. Rather, matters of racing are discussed and we liaise with our Federation on those. The current small committee are racing enthusiasts with interest in racing affairs. There is nothing that happens in those that does not affect Owners.

As well as the business at hand there is a good social element to being on the committee. Meetings are as needed, but basically 6-8 weekly with phone or email in between.

WESTBURY STUD KARAKA CLASSIC MEETING OWNERS DAY FUNCTION

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT PUKEKOHE PARK

Counties Racing Club's Westbury Stud Karaka Classic Meeting will bring the perfect day of horse racing featuring the prestigious Westbury Stud Karaka Classic. This is a Listed Race for Open handicappers over 1600m with a stake of \$50,000.

Also during the afternoon there will be a race for the Rating 65 fillies and mares over the same distance for a stake of \$25,000. This is a National Fillies & Mares series race. Both of these races should attract some nice types, as the good weather and tracks will be about to come to hand then.

This raceday also hosts the popular Owners function, which Counties Racing Club holds each year for all those owners that have supported the club during the previous season. The function usually attracts over 300 owners and it is a wonderful opportunity for the club to thank them for racing their horses at Pukekohe Park during the 2011/12 season.

These owners will receive an invitation to attend the function where there will be a complimentary ham carvery lunch along with discounted house beverages. This will be held in the Oaks Room and RSVP's are essential for catering purposes.

There will be some great spot prizes to be won as well as a chance of winning the service fee that Westbury Stud will be kindly donating. NZ Thoroughbred Owners will be also giving away 2 free memberships to a couple of lucky attendees.

If you enjoy a great day at the races and are keen to witness some exciting horse racing action then come to Pukekohe Park on Friday 21st September 2012.

**For more information on the day go to www.countiesracing.co.nz
Phone 09 238 8049 or email karen@countiesracing.co.nz**

Exciting news from Counties Racing Club is that NRM have confirmed their Sponsorship of the Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes on DHL Counties Cup Day. In addition they will also put their support into the NRM Fillies & Mares Series which was held last year for the first time.

The first heat is at Matamata Racing Club on Saturday 13th October and further heats will be run at Whangarei RC, Te Aroha RC, Counties RC, Waipa RC, Auckland RC, Avondale RC, Dargaville RC through the months of October and November with the final to be run at Counties Racing Club on Wednesday 5th December for a stake of \$20,000 and run over a distance of 1400m with Special Conditions for Fillies & Mares.

The series will involve a mix of Maiden and Benchmark Rating 65 events and Fillies and Mares competing in these races will receive points based on the first filly/mare home receiving maximum points and the other scaled down from 1st – 9 pts, 2nd – 7pts, 3rd – 5pts, 4th – 3pts, 5th – 2pts, every other runner will get a point.

There will be product bonuses for the Trainers, also done on a points system throughout the series.

All you Owners out there with fillies and mares don't forget to remind your Trainers to check out this series and see if your horse is suitable to be entered.





WAIKATO

Jenny Cowan

(Ed note – Jenny has written this from Australia. She is back soon)

Our racecourses, too, can and should avail themselves for inter-action with their communities. The Gold Coast Turf Club, with which many of you will be familiar, turned on a welcome home for their Gold Coast Olympic athletes – one hour before the first race.

The athletes drove down the straight in open-topped mini cars and drove into the birdcage where they were given an Official welcome by the Mayor.

It was a typically hot sunny day for the thousands who turned out to get a glimpse or autograph of all of them. Many stayed on for the races.

Noticed was that our esteemed Patron, Alan Galbraith with a horse, in the top stable of Peter Moody and we hope that Black Caviar shares some of her secrets.

During the Olympics it was suggested in the paper that Peter Moody or Mal Meninga could be appointed as mentors or strategists for the next Games in Rio. The idea was that the poor Australian performances came up short because the team lacked cunning and conditioning. Peaking for events/Cups was first perfected by Bart.



Linda Wheeler and Brett Scott with Tobouggie Nights and Cape Kinaverl

Tobouggie Nights turned in amazing performances at Oakbank S.A. in April to win both steeplechases, two days apart, with Richard Eynon in the saddle. It is nice to see Brett in a training role and winning with Dhuddara on 11th August at Morphetville – again with Richard Eynon riding. Brett was one of our most admired and skilled jumping riders.

[STOP PRESS] Waikato Secretary and NZTROF Secretary Barbara and Jim Keyte's part owned mare True Light won at Counties on 5 September. She is by Shinko King out of Force Twelve and is trained by Lance Noble at Matamata.

HAWKES BAY

Tony Lyndon

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWKES BAY RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSN.

The Committee voted to have a celebration of our 75th Anniversary during the Spring Carnival. Since then we have been given the honour of hosting the Federation's AGM. This is to be held on Sunday 6th October, the day after the N.Z. Bloodstock Insurance Spring Classic. Our Owners' Day last January was such a success that we will now share this day with our anniversary on Sunday 13th January, 2013.

Mr E.G. Sutherland of the N.Z. Owners/Trainers/Breeders Assn. attended a meeting at the Hastings Racecourse on January 13th 1937, for the purpose of instituting a branch of the N.Z. Assn. in Hawkes Bay. After outlining the purpose and ideals of the N.Z. Owners/Trainers/Breeders Assn. it was decided to form a branch in Hawkes Bay.

Elected to the Executive body were:-

President: Mr. W.J. Wood, Hastings

Vice President: Mr. W.H. Gaisford, Oringi

Committee: Owners Mr. G. McCormick

Trainers: Mr. G.W. Greene

Breeders: Mr. P.B. Donnelly

BI-MONTHLY WINNERS

Feb/March – Terry Coffey with Black and Blue

April/May – Alan Jackson with Pellegrini

Dannevirke Owner Breeders Peter and Margaret Hales had a memorable month when Capricious won at Hastings; two weeks earlier Eliza Blues ran second behind Quintessential in the Group One \$400,000 Queensland Oaks, and Baranski won at Newcastle. They were all bred by the Hales who also share in the ownership.

Firebolt, raced by the Ski Syndicate and managed by Gerard Moughan won his ninth race and took his earnings to \$500,000 when winning the \$100,000 Tattersall's Racing Club Mile at Eagle Farm.

Judith Buckeridge was delighted when her talented Ourforeignminister returned to form when winning at Tauranga. The winner of the Group 3 Merial Mile at Awapuni last season he made it 2 in a row when winning the Te Awamutu Cup. He has now won 7 races from 26 starts.

Former H.B. Racing CEO John McGifford along with former jockey Graeme Lord shares in the ownership of D'Llaro who returned to form at Rotorua. The D'Cash gelding enjoys heavy going.

Former Auckland Racing Club board member Peter Grieve, who has been breeding and racing horses for more than 40 years, had a fortnight to remember when Our Destiny won at Wairarapa then 4 days later Brer and Chapinta won the first two races at Matamata. Chapinta, a half sister to Victoria Derby winner Sangster, was also successful again at the end of July.

Sir Russell Pettigrew part owns Morpheus who won the H.B. Hurdles, his eighth win and fourth over hurdles. The Zabeel gelding was a \$240,000 purchase as a yearling.

Retired school principal and H.B. Owners secretary Peter Johnson shares in the ownership of Voodoo who won his 4th race at Ashburton.

Central H.B. Owner/Breeder Sue Harty followed up the successes of Coastal Mist, with a win at Trentham with Sea King, which she bred and part owns. The latter has now won 4 races including two out of four over hurdles.

Memories of Rough Habit, the winner of 29 races and over 5 million dollars came to the fore when Addictive Habit won at Tauranga. Both were bred and are part owned by Isobel Roddick, who is the secretary of the H.B. Breeders Assn.

WANGANUI WORDS

Rosie Hackett

Congratulations to all of last season's winners and here we go again. The sun is shining, the new season has begun and the stars will start to come out.

Wayne Marshment has O' Fille back and looking a picture. She is very special and should have another great season. He also has Judy's Viking Ruler filly, Brunnhilda going nicely. This is a lovely filly and getting better all of the time. High Treason is a big O'Reilly gelding who had two starts for two thirds; he has been working well and looks great.

Paul Belsham has a nice team around him. Ascolini has come up well and will be racing soon; she is honest and looks great. Lucky Lady has strengthened and looks well; she too will be racing soon and has shown that she is talented. Bright Glo is back. He has had two starts for two wins, has grown into a lovely horse and will only get better. Mackenzie is showing promise and will be looking for a good track to start off.

Fraser Auret has a very smart type in Julinsky Prince; he showed his class as a two year old and will be one to watch in the three year old races for John Bromley. John has Thorn Prince shaping as a lovely stayer and Fraser has a lot of time for him. Jungle Pago is going well for Explosive Breeding Ltd. She went some good races last season. Mini Pearl has come back stronger so she should have another good season for Fraser's mum and dad, Nigel and Adaire. Fraser has had several of the Mettre En Jeu young ones through the stable. He said they have a great attitude, move nicely and are a pleasure to handle. So they are looking forward to seeing them out on the track.

We hope you all have a great season.



PS: Look what I got on 24 August! A Lucky Unicorn colt from our mare Beyond The Waves. Aren't they lovely! Thanks to the nice people at Cambridge Stud.

MANAWATU MATTERS

Allan Fenwick

The consistent Amberio, 4 wins and 7 minor placings from 16 starts, has provided plenty of interest for her partnership of owners including Association members Mike and Kate Courtney. The Courtney's also share in the ownership, along with racing stalwarts Mark and Fay Fearon and a number of other Central racing enthusiasts, of the lightly raced One Kay who broke maiden ranks at Awapuni in July.

Pentango, part owned by Ian McCarrison claimed her third success when winning at Whangarei recently.

Aunt Daisy, bred, trained and part owned by Paddy & Sylvia Kay has been a model of consistency this calendar year. The Captain Rio half sister to the good stayer Spiro has recorded 3 wins and 7 minor placings from her last 10 starts.

It was pleasing to finally get a set of trials at Foxton at the end of August; a couple of deferrals due to heavy rain was a test of patience for many owners and trainers. The Foxton course has been unavailable for racing and trials since a series of fires last November/December. Although the facilities have not yet been restored Club and NZTR officials and licence holders were prepared to make do so that the trials could proceed. Over 140 horses competed meaning there was certainly a need for them.

WOTABUZZ CREATES SUCH A BUZZ

The Awapuni-trained jumper Wotabuzz was simply brilliant winning the Hospitality New Zealand Canterbury 123rd Grand National Hurdles at Riccarton by 20 lengths. Backing up from an 8 length victory 5 days earlier the eight-year-old gelding ran his opposition into the ground as inexperienced rider Hayley Curran asked for an effort early in the run home when being challenged by the race favourite Waitaha Toa, in the hands of Jonathan Riddell.

Bred by trainer Mark Oulaghan and offered in the Lambourn Stud draft, Wotabuzz was a \$38,000 purchase at the 2006 Festival Yearling Sale. The horse was syndicated and commenced racing from the Lisa Latta stable. One flat win and some modest form saw a reassessment of his racing future. A jumping career loomed, the Syndicate was slightly re-jigged and Mark Oulaghan took over the training. The change of environment helped and a hat trick of flat wins occurred. The much awaited hurdles debut in July, 2011 resulted in a winning effort at Te Rapa and then followed two further hurdle starts with solid placed performances.

The 2011 jumping season started with a big win at Trentham in a 0-1 win hurdle race. However the image was tarnished a little when only 4th in the Ricoh Wellington Hurdles. But on to Riccarton and re united with Hayley Curran the real Wotabuzz showed his true ability.

With less than 30 rides in her career at the time, winning the Grand National Hurdles is the highlight to date for Hayley, who had a hunting and show jumping background before joining the Mark Oulaghan stable.

Wotabuzz is raced by a syndicate of Manawatu owners comprising Kevin Tod and John Naylor, both committeemen of the Manawatu Racing Club, Paul Bevins, Doug Smith, Murray Sisley, Peter Clark, Gordon Edwards and former All Black Gary Knight, who these days is prominent in the Foxton Racing Club. Gary's daughter Laura did a lot of the pre training work on Wotabuzz.

Trainer Mark Oulaghan has had an incredible strike rate at Riccarton, particularly at the Grand National carnival. Wotabuzz provided Mark with his fourth victory in the Grand National Hurdles and he now joins the late Ken Browne as the most successful trainers in that race.



STUD CHAT WITH SAM

To say I'm thrilled with the first foals of **Per Incanto** is like saying the AB's have the edge on the Wallabies at the moment. In the stallion business there is a saying that "black cats leave black kittens" but despite Per Incanto's great looks you are still a little bit nervous awaiting his first foals. Well, we have a couple already here and they are splitting image of their old man, striking heads, strong dark colouring with plenty of bone and size. **Roll on Karaka in eighteen months!**

Nadeem has had a great couple of months and is going to serve a book of close to one hundred mares which is a great statement of breeders confidence, particularly in this market. The icing on the cake came from his **Group Two South African Oaks winner Tajmeel**, and more recently there have been eight individual Australian winners in the space of a month, including a twelve length winner.

Breeders still recognise the proven ability of **Towkay** and the wonderful value standing at only a fee of \$5000 plus GST. His group two winning filly from last season **Chicharita** is due to resume in Melbourne and should be very competitive once the tracks dry a bit and she should be in for a good spring with her staying prowess.

Unfortunately the big wet has meant a few of the LA racing team are a little behind in their new preparation but Tony Pike tells me he's never had **Aspinal** in better condition, and maybe in this her swansong campaign she can finally pick up a well deserved black-type win. Roydon Bergerson has a **Darci Brahma** gelding called **Manu** that looks promising. Also doing very well is **Kekova** from David Haworth and Matt Dixon's stable who is going to be aimed at some Black-Type races this season.

I've been busy lately syndicating a couple of the farms fillies and it's a nice to be able to introduce some first time owners into our great game. Going up SH1 to Te Akau will be a **Darci Brahma filly** from the group three winner **Eloa**, while a Pins half sister to NZ Oaks runner-up **Can't Keeper Down** will head over to Sydney to Bjorn Baker's stable.

I trust those of you who got through to Hastings enjoyed the racing and for those of you lucky enough to be involved in a winner, a big congratulations. Nothing beats owning a winner, especially at one of our bigger meetings. Hopefully we can get Aspinal, Kekova, Skittle or even Manu through to the rest of the Carnival and join in the fun! One LA bred horse to watch this season which is my tip is **Xanadu**.

Sam

LA big on winning

NZ OWNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

THE FINALISTS FOR THE 2011 – 2012 SEASON WERE

The Oaks Stud – *Artistic, Zurella and others*

D L, Ms N N & S C Archer & Mrs D J Wright – *Mufhasa, Eight Schillings*

A A Baeyertz, J P Goodin, G A MacDonald, G H Phillips & R W Sharrock – *Shez Sinsational*

A J & Mrs I M Barker – *Veyron*

The criteria for the above award is set by NZTR



CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND Fiona MacKenzie

Most of us down here are starting to dry out pretty nicely after a few weeks of consistent rain. Although a little frustrating it was quite timely, as National Week was looking like racing on a good two, but thankfully, the rain persisted and National Week was a true test of fitness on heavy tracks for all three days.

Aronsay, an eight year old 'Drama Critic' ex 'Coup de Folie' gelding, trained by Michael Daly and owned by Bob Fiddes from Waimate has been one of the best performed gallopers in our area of late. Affectionately known as 'Charlie' in the Daly stable at Washdyke he has recently gained his jumping ticket. That proved to be a good move after he won his first jumping start in the maiden hurdle at Timaru in late August. A little more confident in his second start over fences at Wingatui on 4 September earned him a credible second place after making up ground late.

Aronsay has proved to be a very good example of a leased horse from the North Island. After two ordinary starts up north he placed second in his first start in the south island and won his first race two starts later when racing over distance for the first time. A genuine stayer, Aronsay has won the Waimate Cup, a Premier 1800 at Riccarton, a third equal in the Queenstown cup, won the Couplands Crystal Open in Southland and seven other wins have taken his tally of wins to ten. Eight seconds, four thirds, five fourths and eleven fifths round up his enviable record from 57 starts.

With his last nine starts each producing a cheque for his owner Bob Fiddes from Waimate and trainer Michael Daly will be looking forward to a second crack at the New Zealand Cup in November. Bob was a late starter to the racing game and of the few horses he has raced Aronsay has been the best performed. 'Maytown Prince', a 'Tristaking' gelding bred and owned by Bob won three races trained by Michael Daly before Aronsay arrived.

The Central South Island Owners and Trainers Racing Awards evening is coming up on the 13th of October. Held at the Greyway Lounge at the Timaru Raceway, it is an entertaining evening with a guest speaker, awards winner announcements for the past season and also the announcement of the winner and placegetters for the Autumn/Winter Points series that finished at the end of last season. Tickets for the evening can be purchased from our Secretary Richard White.

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THE SINDEBELE STORY

AUCKLAND AIRPORT FEBRUARY 1981

On a warm fine day. Evocative smells of jet fuel, that is kerosene, salt air off the Manukau harbour and horses. Forty two year old Kim Clotworthy and 4 year old Sindebele walked up a long ramp to board a work worn, stretched DC8 airfreighter. There was an engineer with a carpenters hammer and screwdriver attacking a probe like thing on the nose of the plane. One of the planes engines was running and there was a big puddle back under the wing.

Sixty horses had boarded already and Sindebele was to be the second to last so was near the front door. This was the top deck and the horses were "angle parked", their behinds to the curving fuselage; a low metal partition in front. The horses were separated by webbing belts, "think seat belts" and to walk to the spartan seats at the back you had to walk under the horses necks; all sixty two of them.

On the deck below there were cattle, red deer and angora goats.

Kim was delighted to meet Gerald Fell (now MZNM) of Fairdale Stud on board. Gerald was taking an Amyntor filly to Germany for clients. Kim said, "Whats happening?" Gerald said, "There's an engineers strike on here, so officially the airport is closed. They are keeping one engine going so they can start the others off it. The engineer up front is replacing an air speed indicator. Lucky he had a spare and he borrowed some tools from the Shell service station over the way. I've been told we have to get going really soon as this plane has come from Australia and that engine has been running a long time. If we don't, we wont have enough fuel to get to Fiji. If we cant leave then all of the animals will have to come off..."

Kim bought Sindebele, (War Hawk II out of the Balloch mare Westloch) in 1978 at a yearling sale at Te Rapa. Paid \$2000 for him. Kim and his mate Jillo (trainer Colin Jillings) took him to Wellington and he was second at his first start as a late 2yo. The horse won next up at Counties in August 1979. After a couple more races it became apparent that the horse did not like the firming tracks so was put aside. As a 3yo he started to look more like a stayer and a natural jumper. Kim thought he might be a Derby horse but he jarred up and was put aside again. When the enquiry came from the Queen Mothers agent Kim decided to offer this good clean, lightly raced young horse to her as it had a lot of potential.

The DC8 climbed out of Auckland and they had a smooth trip to Fiji, refuelled and flew on: destination Montreal. Later over the North Pacific advice came that one engine was being shut down due to serious fuel loss and they would be landing in Winnipeg where there were better firefighting facilities. That puddle under the wing back in Auckland was not water. Kim was up the front with his horse and near the door. He decided that when the plane stopped and the door opened he was out of there. Fire trucks on either side of the plane were spraying foam as the plane slowed. The door opened and the sight of foam and one metre of snow to the sides of the runway and no sign of flames changed the plan. They sat there for hours while repairs were made, but Kim and Gerald diverted the doorway attendant by getting him to look at the fuel pouring out of the wing and sneaked out with some aircrew to the terminal about a mile away and had a shower and a shave.

On the next leg there was a change of aircrew. There wasn't any crossover. One lot went as soon as they could after landing and the next arrived just in time to go. The destination was curiously, Manchester. The plane climbed out to 37000ft and the horses became restless. Ice appeared on the inside of the fuselage, some lumps as big as your head. There was no aircon to control the humidity caused by the animals. Some horses broke their straps and one climbed over the front partition. Two aircrew workers, a couple of polo pony grooms, Gerald and Kim fought to restore order and eventually succeeded.

Later one of the aircrew came back and asked Gerald if he would like to go to the flight deck to watch the sunrise. As there were no windows, except in the front of the plane he accepted. The sunrise was beautiful but then

"concern" from the pilots became apparent as they worked feverishly over controls. The Captain said that the instruments were indicating that they were losing cabin pressure and that he must go back and get the grooms to put on their oxygen masks. Gerald ran back under the necks of all the horses. They searched under the seats and around and pulled gear bags out to get at lockers. Somehow milk got spilt, they made a shambles around but there were no oxygen masks. One of the cabin crew workers arrived and asked them what they were doing. When told he said, "Settle down, this particular plane often gives that false reading."

Gerald and Kim discussed the whole trip. Both had formed the idea that the charter was starting to look very dodgy. The destination of Manchester was another thing. Was this a cost cutting exercise by the entrepreneurial charterer, Welshmen, a Mr Williams. Cheaper landing fees?

Down into Manchester 40 hours after leaving Auckland, the door opened and a big bluff Williams appeared. He said, "Wheres Clotworthy? I want your horse off first and you are going to take its covers off. The TV and Press are here to see the Queen Mothers horse". Outside there was snow and ice and it was brutally cold.

Kim more tired than he had ever been had had enough. There came a refusal to remove his charges covers in very frank and colourful language.

Kim duly got the horse out first and into the cold to a disappointed media contingent. Then he was ordered to load it on to a truck to go to a quarantine facility. He angrily told Williams the horse had done that in New Zealand and he had the certificate. But he realized that the horses would freeze to death if left outside. The truck had been used for cattle and had nail heads protruding on the floor slats. Another angry exchange took place and a better truck was found.

The "quarantine" place had served a long life as a piggery and the doors were lower than the horses heads. After a struggle Kim got the tired horse inside to safety. He was then offered a bed in room on a mattress in which rats had last resided. Gerald came to the rescue. He had booked a room in a Manchester hotel and he and Kim went there, cleaned up and discussed strategy. They reckoned the quarantine was a serious "clip the ticket" ploy and their clients would not be treated so. Gerald got his UK agent James McEwan to assist with contacts and arrangements were made to get their horses out.

Kim tapped into the chain of the Queen Mothers racing management and was advised to be at the piggery at 9.30pm sharp that night and to have the horse ready to leave. On the dot a smart float pulled in and the horse was quickly loaded. There followed unheeded verbals by the establishments management and then they were away laughing, heading south.

Kim was advised that the trainer taking charge of the horse Fulke Walwyn, was a gruff man who had fixed ideas about his business. He was entitled to those as he was the winning jockey of the 1938 Grand National and the trainer of 2000 winners in the National Hunt.

Arriving in Lambourn near Newbury, (between London and Bristol) Kim got short change from Walwyn but once he learned Kim was the prior owner and trainer and not a mere stablehand he deigned to converse. He said he didn't want a NZ horse in his stable. Yes they won some good races, but he didn't need them, he could get horses from Ireland.

Kim was taken to the George Hotel ½ a mile down the road. Next morning he turned up on Fulkes Walwyns doorstep in jodpurs and full riding gear at 6.30 am. Fulke asked him what he was doing there. Kim said he was there to ride out. So they got him a horse and he rode out onto the downs with some Irish

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lads while Fulke checked out the new horse. Underneath the Kiwi outdoor cover was a fine woolen one that Kim had specially made at his cost. It was blue with buff stripes and gold piping, Ma'am's colours. The horse was clean limbed and removing the boots he saw that Kim had made a good job of shoeing the horse. The horse was tired but in very good order.

After breakfast Fulke caught up with Kim. He said gruffly, "You've looked after that horse and you got it here the best you could. You're not staying in the hotel you will be staying with me. If you've got a suit you are coming to the races with me this afternoon"

There followed many days. Staying with the Guv' and riding out, one before breakfast and one after. Races with Fulke and his wife Kath and down to the pub with the lads later. Then, there he was chatting like an old friend to Ma'am on her visits to the stable. 'Twas passing strange to the locals, such fraternisation across the classes. It kind of disturbed the natural order that prevailed at the time.

Kim returned home to family and business. Sindbele lost his rider at the last fence on his first race in the UK when pressing to win. He won his next start with some ease.

Kim, his wife Karen, and children Shaun and Sarah went to England for 3 months in 1982. The day before they were due to come home. Kim went to see Sindbele race. The Queen Mother had a royal engagement and did not attend. Fulke was unwell and also absent. Kim was with Kath Walwyn when tragedy struck, Sindbele fractured a shoulder in the running of the race.

Kath asked Kim to deal with the situation and he assisted a vet to euthanase the horse.

The Clothworthy family were summoned to be at Clarence House the next day at 12.30am. Kim politely declined as he had 'leaving' matters to attend to but that was dismissed by Ma'am's secretary. He said they knew the plane was a British Airways flight leaving at 6.30pm. Ergo he had plenty of time and if necessary the plane would wait.

The family came as bidden. Ma'am wanted a detailed report on the loss of the horse and then would only speak of her sympathy for Kim and Karen and family. Over drinks she made Kim promise that he would find her another good horse. The replacement was The Argonaut who won 15 races for her and propelled her to another premiership.

[FOOTNOTES]

- *Not all horses got shelter that night and some died of the cold at the "quarantine" place.*
- *The DC10 crashed on its next flight. No living thing survived*
- *In time Mr Williams went to gaol for tax fraud. He is now deceased.*
- *Fulke Walwyn passed away in 1991*
- *Gerald Fell said he swore that he would never fly on an airfreighter again and hasn't.*
- *Kim Clotworthy says he would rather fly on a modern horse freighter now than in Business Class on your best airline. "Its just the best way to travel"*

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From early 1980 a rapid evolution of equine air transport has taken place. There is now safety and security for staff and animals with scheduled flights of major airlines. The facilitators are now professional companies specializing in equine international transport. The major companies in New Zealand are IRT (who also run the NZ Quarantine Station) and New Zealand Bloodstock freight division. Also Collins Equine Air Transport is a player. The principals of these operations are respectively David Cole, Greg Northcott and Brian Collins. They are all horse people with long service to the thoroughbred and racing industry.

There are four airlines that fly into this country; Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Tasman Cargo and occasionally Cathay. The first three are scheduled services. These carry all manner of freight, say from strawberries, to animals, to replacement jet engines.

Using IRT as an example. David or his staff discuss with an enquirer what his transport needs are and provide that person with all the information of the service available. As orders come in, space is booked to move horses, documentation arranged and accompanying grooms are also booked.

These grooms are independent contracting persons. They have accreditation from the Airlines (including security checking) as well as from the CAA here. They have an approval certificate from the NZ Equine Veterinary Association and are allowed to administer sedation and antibiotics. They also have an approval from the Animal Transport Association (UK) to say that they have a broad understanding of aircraft emergencies such as decompression/first aid, emergency landings as well as preventing any in flight problems with horses.

The number of certified grooms engaged on each flight, is decided by the number and type of horses booked to fly. There are about nine of these grooms in NZ but more in Australia. The local grooms are very experienced and some have been flying for 25 years.

The horses are placed into an "air stable" This is a pen type box of aluminium composite construction which has FAA/CAA and ECA approval. Each air stable is 3 horses wide but can be configured for say, mare with foal, or stallion on its own.

The air stable is lifted up to the cargo door by a scissors lift and the unit travels down the plane on motorized rollers set in the deck floor.

Hay and water are carried for the horses to certain destinations and the cabin temperature is controlled to 15/16C. Horses travel better if they are in a cooler state rather than warmer.

Grooms are usually seated behind the flight deck and are able to easily move around the aircraft to check on the horses.

[EDITORS NOTE]

I would like to thank David Cole of IRT for taking the time to give me the information above. David said that I should look at their website www.irt.com / How We Transport Your Horse. There are some great videos on there including one of taking Black Caviar to the UK.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

We continue to track winning horses owned by Owner's Federation members. As we only have visibility of owner's named in the race book, we know we will have missed members involved in winning syndicates and may have inadvertently missed others. We apologise to any member we have missed and extend our congratulations to all members who have recently experienced the thrill of winning.

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