

**THE BREEDERS**



# BREEDERS' WEEKLY

This week we caught up with the talented horseman & breeder of George Castleton, Warren Taylor, to bring you another edition of Breeder Profiles

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## PGGW MILLIONAIRE GRADUATES I PART 3

### IL VICOLO

1991 Br h Vance Hanover -  
Burgundy Lass

It's amazing how far a shilling went when you parted with it in the early 1960s.

But that's exactly what the late 'Baldy' (Alan) Yarndley did when he paid that sum to a friend for the Black Globe – Brown Owl mare, Rosehaven.

Indirectly that '10 cent' purchase led to the best horse Sandy Yarndley has ever bred – the two-time New Zealand Cup winner – Il Vicolo.

"I bought her daughter Nancy lola (by Black Fury) for Dad's ('Baldy') estate when he was still alive. That mare's daughters or grand daughters have all gone on to produce a Group One winner," said one of New Zealand's most prominent harness racing breeders, Sandy Yarndley.

Nancy lola left 10 foals – the eighth of them being the unraced Noodlum mare Burgundy Lass.

That mare left Yarndley's only New Zealand Cup winner – Il Vicolo, who won the great race in 1995 and 1996.

Burgundy Lass left 15 foals, but just two New Zealand winners – second foal Il Vicolo (by Vance Hanover – 31 wins and \$1.58m) and foal four, Vicario (by Soky's Atom – 1 win). Several of her progeny went on to win in Australia.

"We only had the mare served once by Vance Hanover simply because the stallion died suddenly at just 17 in 1991 – the same year Il Vicolo was born," Yarndley said.

Yarndley sold Il Vicolo at the yearling sales for \$26,000. He said Rosehaven also produced Yarndley's foundation mare Black Watch (by Scottish Command).

"I got a share in her from her the Estate as well. She died aged 32 in 1999, and her family have produced many fine horses like them Aberfeldy, Ciccio Star, Burgundy Lass, Esprit Noir, Spare Parts, Jay's Debut, The Reckoning, Fleet Magic, and Nancy lola.

Jay's Debut, a great-great grandson of Black watch was 2004-2005 NZ Two Year Old Pacer of the Year, while great grandson The Reckoning provided the quinella in both the NZ Juvenile Championship and the PGG-Wrightson Open Series Sales Pace.

Seventy-one-year-old Yarndley has been breeding and selling yearlings at the sales since the 1970s and his progeny have also produced Auckland Cup winner Gotta Go Cullen and multiple Group One winning pacer Stunin Cullen.

He has been a key player in developing and advancing the New Zealand standardbred breed and vividly remembers the days when just \$6,000 fetched the sales topper.

But Yarndley said Il Vicolo's two New Zealand Cup wins were his career highlight – so far.

"John and Anne Seaton bought Il Vicolo off us and we built up a close friendship with the Seatons. It was very sad to see him pass away. He did so much for the harness racing industry," Yarndley said.

"He was the first millionaire pacer we bred. It was happy times when Il Vicolo raced. He was a very athletic type of yearling. He was a true champion and up there with Gotta Go Cullen and Stunin Cullen as the best I have bred.

"But in saying that we have bred some nice ones over the years. Lauraella was another very good pacer that Jan and I were very proud of," the Te Awamutu grandfather said.

As 1995 Harness Horse of the Year, the Mark Purdon trained and driven Il Vicolo featured on a New Zealand postage stamp.

He had already had some memorable victories to his credit including the New Zealand Derby-Great Northern Derby double and the New South Wales Derby. As well as his two NZ Cups Il Vicolo II also won the New Zealand Free For All double.

The now 24-year-old started his stallion duties in New Zealand in 2001 and has produced 193 winners (eight trotters) and his progeny have collectively banked \$2.1m in stakes. He bred his last winner in 2011.

He stood at Woodlands Stud in New Zealand.

### Duane Ranger

## LINDALI WINS AT ANY OLD ODDS FOR LINDSAY

Lindsay Wilson tasted success on Thursday night when Lindali the horse he bred, owns and trains won recently at Forbury Park in the hands of Nathan Williamson.

Wilson has put a lot of time, effort and money into his beloved breed which spans across generations through numerous mares.

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Lindali's mum Miss Anna raced in Australia and won nine races and placed 14 times. Wilson purchased Miss Anna's brother Master Barry and he went on to win 13 races and place 15 times once exported to Australia.

"Master Barry had speed but Miss Anna was tough, she was more of a grinder," Wilson says.

"She didn't really have a fair go; we've just plugged away and done what we can. We are really only a one man band here, we only race one at a time and that's about how it works," Wilson added.

Miss Anna has had seven foals with six of them making it to the races and the last one just starting to get up and running and she is currently in foal to Changeover.

Wilson believes that the best foal out of Miss Anna was Ragged Old Flag.

"He had four starts and we sold him to Aussie. In his first start over there he ran second by half a head to a horse called Jadah Rose."

Jadah Rose of course went on to win 31 races and claim over \$465,000 in prize money.

Unfortunately Ragged Old Flag cut his tendon down to the bone in the paddock one night and had to be put down, ending the career of what could have been Miss Anna's most promising offspring to date.

Ragged Old Doll and Percius are the two other horses out of Miss Anna that have each won a race which leave just one of the breed that couldn't hit the winning post first.

Miss Anna's most recent foal Last Hurrah has broken in well and is impressing Wilson so far.

"He's quite a nice horse, he's been broken in and run along a wee bit. In the paddock the rest of them can be galloping across the paddock and he would be free-legging."

Miss Anna's sister My Dealilah has also left foals however her ones haven't

stood out as much as her sisters. "Her foals didn't amount to much. Soldier On was a great big horse and he made a lot of promises but he didn't really deliver."

Soldier On had seven starts in New Zealand and won under the training of Jamie Gameson before being exported to Australia where he picked up a few placings but couldn't get another win on board.

Wilson has a long list of horses that he has bred as you would expect after being in the breeding game for over 30 years.

Although Wilson avoids the top stallions he does have a method to the way he chooses who to go to.

"I like to let somebody else do the trying first. Dollars and cents come into it so we try to go to a good-average tested sire, either that or a newer one on the market," Wilson said.

For Wilson there is no better feeling than breeding a horse and doing all the work with it and then seeing it get to the racetrack or better yet win a race.

And more importantly it's a family affair. His son, Daniel got his trainers licence in 2012 and has picked up two winners and a few placings already. Daniel bred, owned and trained the third horse in the race that Lindali won on Thursday night.

Lucas who was driven by Nathan Williamson's brother Brad did the steering in what was a family affair all round.

Daniel also has a Live or Die from the breed that has just turned three and will be looking to start his own breeding lines up from the colt's future performances.

"He (Daniel) is into the breeding too, he bred Lucas but it does take too long to find out if the one you have bred is going to make it sometimes, Wilson said"

Although Wilson has a long line of breed he has never been too worried about creating a naming sequence with each foal born. There is no pattern in the race names of the horses and

Wilson likes to think that "it's the horse that makes the name it's not the name that makes the horse."

Wilson will continue to breed but at the same time he is quite content with what he already has now.

"We've got our own track here and we just muck around how we want to."

Wilson is planning on enjoying it all while he can.

## BREEDER'S PROFILE



Warren Taylor.

**The New Zealand harness racing industry is littered with many great stories, and we are very lucky to have been given the opportunity to speak with Morrinsville horseman, Warren Taylor.**

**The term horseman is usually saved for our best all-rounders We believe the term is no better saved for gents like Warren.**

**Growing up listening to the trots was always an interest for Warren, however after 30 years of playing polo and breeding polo ponies, fate would have it that he was given a standardbred from a neighbour.**

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The rest they say is history and what transpired is remarkable on many levels. The self-taught Taylor has amassed 40 training wins and 101 placings from 691 starters.

What makes it all the more remarkable is that bar the first gelding he was given way back in the early 90's, every horse Warren has lined up, he has bred himself.

He's had Oaks, Derby and Jewels starters with his crowning achievement being a Greenlane Cup victory by his talented gelding George Castleton.

The Breeders proudly brings to you another instalment of Breeder Profiles.

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## WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN HARNESS RACING?

Chequer Board

I originally came from up north from a place called Tangiteroria, located between Whangarei and Dargaville, and for as long as I can remember we use to sit by the radio and listen to the New Zealand Cup. We never missed it! I can remember back to 1950 and while I can't tell you all the winners and everything but it peaked my interest.

Dave Jessop came up these ways and you might not remember who he is, but he was the man that imported Vance Hanover into New Zealand. The cheapest place he could buy any land was up here and he came up north with a couple of broodmares on him, both in foal to Johnny Globe.

One of the foals was Checkerboard (1961 B h Johnny Globe - Placid Girl) and he was an amazing horse.

He wouldn't go away from a stand and this was before the mobiles.

One of his first starts and I think it was at the huge galloping track, Kensington Park in Whangarei.

He started there and lost 220 metres and Reg Clapp was the commentator back in those days, and he said well Chequer Board has lost all chance.

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## DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM YOUR BREEDER BONUS'!!

Any financial member of the New Zealand Standardbred Breeders Association (as of 31st of August 2016) who breeds the winner of a totalisator race at a New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club (Met) meeting (excludes premier days, see T's & C's) held at Addington Raceway will be eligible for a \$500 bonus payment. Bonus also applies to meetings held by the Akaroa, Amberley and Cheviot Trotting Club meetings who pay a Breeder Bonus on their own accord.

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## MARES FOR SALE

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The NZSBA currently has multiple listings of well-bred mares for sale/lease/free.

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He come hard down up against the outside fence and I can still remember it, he ran third and Reg Clapp said I don't think Cardigan Bay in his prime could have done what Chequer Board just has.

He went on and ended up Open Class and they sold him for ten thousand pound which was a lot of money back in those days. He was a marvellous horse who just would never go away. But he would be driven hard and when he would catch up to them, he was never given a breather he would just keep going straight to the front and on with it. He really peaked my interest!

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### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING STANDARDBREDS?

Well it would be about the same season as I trained my first winner in 1994.

Three brothers and myself ended up playing polo for 30 years. When I turned 50 my wife reckoned that I had been playing long enough and so I retired.

I'd had a fair innings and within 12 months she came home one day and said Peter Thomas around the road has this horse that has been sent to him as a foal, and the fellow who owned him didn't want to do anything with him. Peter suggested that I take him and could have him if I bought another couple of this fellas horses to tie up and lead.

So I ended up with this horse called Byrd's Effort (1988 B g Happy Cat - Irish Byrd). I broke him in to saddle and I use to ride around the back country pig hunting and then Peter came around one day with some gear and talked me into breaking him in. I had no



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experience what so ever with training racehorses or breaking them in!

He had a track around the road and I use to take him round there and bowl him round. I ended up qualifying him myself. Meanwhile his mother and brother were looking like being sent to the knackers. By then I was starting to enjoy this harness caper, so I bought both of them for next to nothing.

Byrd's Effort ended up winning two races at Auckland trotting. I broke him in as a pacer and he won workouts and trials but when we got to the races he would go no good. Perry Robson was driving him at the time and suggested we try him as a trotter and he ended up winning two. I wish I had him now because I knew nothing back in those days. Self-taught and I would pick up bits and bobs from trainers at the trials etc.

What I've learnt since is that I had him shod all wrong and he would have been a really good horse. When he won his second race at the old Auckland track he trotted his last mile in 2 minutes, but it didn't mean anything to me because I didn't know. I'd had horses all my life but knew nothing about trotters, let alone training one!

His full brother Byrd's Choice (1990 26 Bl g Happy Cat - Irish Byrd) who I broke in also he won one pacing, and then one trotting. That was it, I was hooked!

I had gotten the mare Irish Byrd the year before all of this and I ended up breeding her to Dynamic Lad who was a good horse from the Morrinsville area at the time.

The first one seemed to go quite good but was an awful knee knocker, her name was It's Dynamic (1993 f) and she only managed a couple of placings.

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### **FIRST WINNER YOU BRED?**

That was the second foal from Irish Byrd and his name was Izzy Dynamic (1994 g Dynamic Lad).

I couldn't get my license when I first started because you had to have been driving by the time you were 42. The government changed the rules to say you couldn't discriminate against age.

Anyhow they gave me a license to drive my own horses which is all I wanted, because I thought well I'm doing the work and feeding the horses and that's why I wanted to do it.

At about my fourth ever drive (had 11 winners) at Cambridge I managed to drive Izzy to a win (he was 5th fav and paid \$14.10) and that was a great thrill having done all the work and bred him myself.

Everything we've raced since then we have bred.

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### **WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBRED?**

Because I was fortunate enough to stumble across a fantastic trotting breed!

The late Charlie Elliot who had a stand named after him at Auckland and he was on the board at HRNZ and got the track at Morrinsville developed. He came to me when I was living in Huntly and I actually had a track where I use to canter the Polo ponies and it was 75m long in total!

I got the grader blade and graded it round and that was my training track. I think I won 7 races off that track!

Before I sold out and came down to Morrinsville Charlie Elliot came down the stables in Morrinsville and he was sitting there waiting for me. Anyway Charlie said to me that him and Noel Taylor were cutting down and he said you do a good job with what you've got, which was his way of saying I was training dog tucker (laughs). He didn't like saying that but that what he meant. He said I would like to give you a well bred horse.

He offered me a broodmare in foal and at the time it was the last thing I wanted, but my father use to always say "you never looked at your horse in the mouth" and it was one of his favourite sayings.

I politely obliged and ended up with a mare called Madam Castleton (1983 B m Game Pride - Lady Castleton) who was a three-quarter sister to Sir Castleton and she was in foal to Evanders Gold.

The first foal was Castleton Gold (1997 B m Evander's Gold - Madam Castleton) and she is the mother of the family we are racing at the moment. She's still here on the farm with me. She won four races and held the C1 class record for trotters at Auckland for some time over 2200m (beating home eventual Group 1 winner Romper Stomper in the process).

We couldn't decide who we were going to go to the second time round because we didn't know much, so we sent Castleton Gold to Sundon who was all the rage at the time.

The resulting foal was Dua Don. A couple of years ago my granddaughter who is a capable horsewoman herself was watching some tapes with me driving him and she said Pop what are you doing?! You're murdering him!

He was a capable young horse who was a bloody tearaway that loved getting his way in front. I ended up selling him to America where he won a further 40 races! I think the mile racing suited him as when he got to the front he just loved going as hard as he can.

Glenys my late wife got us to love taking quinellas with our horses with the field. He run second one night at Auckland and was disqualified. He ran 12 bloody thirds in his career so she was unlucky in that aspect (laughs).

The next one out of the mare was George Castleton and he was a very good horse.

When I decided to breed I said I'm going to go to a different stallion each time because lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place.

When I was breeding polo ponies I never got a full sister or full brother that were any good.

I went to Straphanger because he was a wee bit cheaper at the time. He won 8 races.

I had a half-sister Earleen Castleton who was very good as a two-year-old racing and I was driving her in the non-totes at Auckland, would lose 100 yards off the gate, catch up to them, go and sit parked and win.

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She got a bad virus and was never the same afterwards but she started favourite in the Oaks. When I took her down for the Oaks I decided to take George with me and Colin De Fillipi drove him. Colin came around and sat parked and went to go early with a sprint. The rage three-year-old Houdini Star was in the trail and when Colin raised the whip he rolled into a gallop.

The following week he beat Inspire who had won eight in a row. When he came home I didn't put him in the Rowe Cup because he was still only a four-year-old. Inspire won that Rowe Cup which tells you how good he was. I had driven him myself at Auckland a week earlier when he had won, and Colin De Fillipi was in a battle for the driving premiership at the time with Mark Jones.

He was looking for drives so he came up and drove him in The Greenlane Cup. He won that race paying \$16.10 and Colin said he jogged it.

I took him to the trials as a five-year-old and when I washed him down he had a quarter crack in his hoof. I think I got the wrong advice at the time in regards to treatment and he was never the same. He could have been anything and before that he would go and sit outside a horse, and wouldn't let them past. After his injury he was sore and learned to chuck it in.

We bred one more from Madam Castleton by Malabar Maple but he never won a race or anything like that.

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#### **FAVOURITE HORSE YOU BRED?**

Probably Sapphire Castleton really.

I bred from Castletons Gold and sent her to Malabar Maple. She left a nice filly called Crystal Castleton but there was something wrong with her as she would get on one rein.

She was a nice type so I sent the mare back to Malabar Maple.

The resulting foal is the favourite one I have bred. Sapphire Castleton.

She's been an amazing horse really with over 30 placings and 10 wins to her name from 116 starts.



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Not many horses have that many starts, let alone that many placings and she has hardly ever run further back than fifth. She's been sore all her life. She needs to be driven for one run which doesn't always work because you don't always get the luck.

Sapphire has been a great mare really. She's the crankiest little thing and she will kick the dust sheet off the cart, she's manged that a couple of times in her prelims at the races!

The minute she steps away with a cart on, she doesn't know how to do anything but trot. You couldn't make her gallop! She just steps away and runs and does her best.

She wouldn't have been any good in a big stable I think. People would call from Australia and ask about buying her and I would tell them, you only think you want her. The minute she steps off the plane you will want to send her back the wee tart.

The plan is to put her in foal this season so I'm really looking forward to that. Hopefully my granddaughter Alicia Harrison can get her junior license soon and drive her at the grass track events over the summer!

# EVENTS | WHAT'S ON!

## Rangiora A&P Show - Royal Status for Equestrian Section

Rangiora A&P Show (21 & 22 October 2016) has been awarded Royal Event status in the Equestrian Section. Can you please advise your members this is the case and encourage entries – this is an opportunity for members to seek a Royal Supreme Champion Medal & Tri Coloured Sash.

Schedules & entry forms can be found on the following websites –

[www.rangiorashow.co.nz](http://www.rangiorashow.co.nz) and

[www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) under Central district – Northern A&P Association.

There is also the option to enter entry online – [www.showdayonline.com](http://www.showdayonline.com)

Debbie Cameron,

Rangiora Showgrounds Manager,

Phone 03 313-6945

## Southland Stallion Night - Wednesday 7 September

The Southland Standardbred Breeders Association are hosting their annual Stallion Seminar on Wednesday the 7th of September at The Ascot Park Hotel. The bar will be open from 4pm with the following Studs on hand to make presentations;

- Alabar(NZ) Ltd
- Macca Lodge
- Lincoln Farms
- Woodlands Stud
- Nevele R Stud
- goStallions
- Haras des trotteurs

Spaces are limited so please confirm your attendance by RSVP to Gail Paisley on 03 231 3462 or 027 222 1114 at your earliest convenience.

## Canterbury Harness Awards - Saturday 3 September 2016

The three Canterbury Associations – the Owners Assn, Breeders Assn and the Horsemens Assn – are delighted to be hosting the third Annual Canterbury Awards Dinner, which is again being sponsored by Woodlands Stud.

The 2016 event is being held in Silks Lounge at Addington Raceway on Saturday, September 3rd, hosted by Mark McNamara.



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### REPEAT LOVE

(16.1hh 1'13"3 (1:57.9)/2700m  
290,680 euros)

Repeat Love, a full brother to Love You and from one of France's greatest stallion producing families fee is also \$3500+GST reducable to \$3000 to NZSBA Breeders.

He has risen very quickly up the French stallion ranks, being one of the top sires from one of the greatest crops in French racing history, which includes Prix d'Amerique winners Ready Cash and Royal Dream, Prix du Cornulier winner Roxane Griff, multi group one winners Rapide Lebel, Roi du Lupin, Roc Meslois and many more.

Two third of Repeat Love's first two crops have qualified while his daughters have been exceptional and include coveted French black type fillies Brindille de Mai, Bodeguita, Cloane du Vivier, Cuise La Motte, Class Petteviniere and Capucine de Nacre.

A proven sire of precocious youngster, Repeat Love is currently ranked 12th out of more than 500 stallions in the current 2YO qualifications.

In New Zealand, Repeat Love's first crop of any size are now 2YOs and many have been impressing their trainers.



### SAM BOURBON

(16.1hh, 1'11"6 (1:55.1)/2200m 1'13"7  
(1:58.3)/2700m 373,430 euros)

Sam Bourbon is a multiple group winning sire in France with just two and a half crops racing and is available to the general New Zealand breeders for \$3500+GST but this is discounted to \$3000+GST for NZSBA members.

He was a multiple group winner himself and runner-up in Europe's two most prestigious 3YO races, Tall and wonderfully athletic, Sam Bourbon passes his early speed to his progeny which sees him currently lying second in the 2YO qualifiers in France

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So whether you're looking for a great night out, an excuse to get dressed up, or want to join in on the celebration of Canterbury's harness racing achievers, then this is the event to attend.

Tickets are priced at \$50 per person which includes an introductory drink and antipasto platters. Introductory drinks will be served from 6:30pm onwards, with the function itself commencing at 7:15pm.

To book tickets or request more information, please contact Robyn Boyle on 027 217 3643 – (03) 383 0503 or email: [boyles4@xtra.co.nz](mailto:boyles4@xtra.co.nz)

### Canterbury Stallion Night - Thursday 8 September

#### Attention All Breeders:

Studs showcasing new stallions from the last two seasons and some older favourites.

Thursday 8 September at Twiggers Lounge Addington Raceway.

Drinks and snacks 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, refreshments to follow.

RSVP Rebecca Mooney 03 3477212 for catering purposes please.

### Canterbury Annual Breeders Night - Friday 23 September

Friday 23 September 2016, from 5.15pm

Terror To love Lounge, 3rd Floor, Addington Raceway.

Quality seafood buffet, drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$55 per person.

All ticket holders will enter into a sweepstake for a stallion service from our leading studs.

We look forward to seeing you at Addington and trust that you have an enjoyable evening of racing and entertainment.

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Payment can be by cheque to PO Box 8240 Riccarton, 8440 or online to CSBA ANZ 01 0798 0121230 00 with your surname please. Tickets will be mail on Monday 19 September.

RSVP Rebecca Mooney 03 3477212 for catering purposes please.

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maintaining a remarkable record of being one of the top five leading sires of 2YO qualifiers in his first four crops.

A son of champion sire Goetmals Wood, from one of France's greatest maternal family – he has two Group one winning sisters – Sam Bourbon's second crop includes the outstanding quartet of black type fillies in Combattante, Cylee Nevele, Chateauroux and Chanson d'Amour while his third crop, now 3YOS has already seen the group winner Douce Rebelle and rising star Dream Darling.

Sam Bourbon had a 2YO winner in Australia with Twice As Much and a total of four winners from his first small New Zealand crop of just six foals which are now early 5YOs.



### THE BEST MADRIK (feat below left)

(15.3hh, 1'10"1 (1.52.4)/2100m 1'12"1 (1.56)/2700m 1,367,710 euros)

Multiple group winner The Best Madrik is available at \$4500 + GST and this is reducible to \$4000+GST for NZSBA members.

The son of breed-changing sire Cocktail Jet is already the sire of Group winner in Diva Mouchel and his progeny have already won more than a million euros in France.

### HARAS DES TROTTEURS SERVICE FEES 2016

Love You: Full and closed

Orlando Vici: \$7000+GST

Dream Vacation: \$6000+GST

Quaker Jet: \$5000+GST

The Best Madrik: \$4500+GST (\$4000+GST to NZSBA members)

Repeat Love: \$3500+GST (\$3000+GST to NZSBA members)

Sam Bourbon: \$3500+GST (\$3000+GST to NZSBA members)

## STATISTIQUES DES ETALONS GENERATION DES "D"

# Ready Cash sur tous les tableaux

Un peu plus d'un an après l'entrée en compétition des "D", les statistiques mettent en évidence, sans surprise, les résultats extraordinaires de l'étalon **Ready Cash**. Dans cette génération, ce fils d'**Indy de Vive** est notamment représenté par le jeune champion **Django Riff** (521.900 € de gains), double vainqueur au niveau groupe I (Critérium des Jeunes et Prix Albert Viel), **Dawana** (301.300 €) et **Dreamer Delo** (129.750€). Quel que soit le

CT	Étalon	GÉNÉRATION DES "D"		
		Nb de produits	Nb de qualifiés	% de qualifiés
1 <sup>er</sup>	<b>READY CASH</b>	86	64	74,4
2 <sup>e</sup>	<b>PRODIGIOUS</b>	81	57	70,4
3 <sup>e</sup>	<b>COCKTAIL JET</b>	86	55	64
	<b>QUAKER JET</b>	80	55	68,8
5 <sup>e</sup>	<b>GOETMALS WOOD</b>	74	53	71,6
6 <sup>e</sup>	<b>UNICLOVE*</b>	80	52	65
7 <sup>e</sup>	<b>ROCKLYN</b>	73	51	69,9
	<b>TIMOKO*</b>	79	51	64,6
9 <sup>e</sup>	<b>SAM BOURBON</b>	77	50	64,9
10 <sup>e</sup>	<b>SAXO DE VANDEL</b>	79	49	62
	<b>JASMIN DE FLORE</b>	79	49	62

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# PGGW MILLIONAIRE GRADUATES I PART 4 (the) FALCON STIRKE

1997 B h Falcon Seelster -  
Summertime Girl

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(The) Falcon Strike in action in Australia

The champion Kiwi-bred pacer that Western Australia adopted as their own was bred by the current president of the Auckland Trotting Club, Bruce Carter.

The Falcon Strike was the only foal Bruce Carter bred from the unraced B G's Bunny mare, Summertime Girl. Falcon Strike, as he was known in New Zealand, was the first and most successful of the five New Zealand foals mares left by Summertime Girl.

"She didn't leave much after that so on hindsight it was a good move to sell her. Falcon Strike hadn't raced at this stage so we were unsure of what she would leave. The mare later ended up in Australia and Falcon's Touch (Falcon Seelster) was her best (eight wins – A\$20,871)," said Carter.

The Falcon Strike was sold to Australian interests and was later trained and driven by Gary Hall Snr and Gary Hall Jnr respectively.

He never won a race in his eight New Zealand starts before being exported to Australia on January 12, 2000.

It all started in New Zealand with a second behind Hero at Forbury Park on August 28, 2000. However when he arrived across the Tasman he "grew a leg" and went on to win 41 of his 78 starts and placed 17 times for A\$1,224,094.

At the time he was one of Australia's best pacers.. His Aussie career started on February 16, 2001 with a win at Gloucester Park and ended with a fifth on the same track on December 1, 2006.

His wins included the 2002, 2004 and 2005 Western Australia Pacing Cups, two Fremantle Cups, two Australian Pacing Championships, a Celebrity Sprint, an Easter Cup, the Western Gateway Pace, the McInerney Ford Classic and the Mount Eden Sprint.

But it was in defeat that the late son of Falcon Seelster is probably best remembered, when finishing the narrowest of seconds behind Jofess in the 2004 Inter Dominion final on his adopted home track of Gloucester Park.

"I thought he was going to run third or fourth but he didn't know the meaning of the word defeat and just kept on coming," Hall Snr said.

"He was a very very tough horse that won the public over, and he certainly put my son (Hall Jnr) on the map. He was the type of horse that was never beaten," he added.

The 1:54.5 miler did stand at stud. In New Zealand The Falcon Strike sired just one winner in 2012 and a further 26 in Australia before he died.

In September 2012 at the age of 15, the son of Falcon Seelster succumbed to a serious bout of colic and a twisted bowel.

Carter bought his first horse in 1980 at the Karaka Yearling Sales. "Her name was Belle Fillette. She was a Mark Lobell mare and she won three races. I gave her to my Penrose school mate Peter Young to train. I've always been intrigued with horses. I bred from Belle Fillette and she was my foundation mare," said Carter.

He also raced 1999 Rowe Cup winner Mountain Gold (Chiola Hanover - Rocky Mountain Girl).Ends.

Although Carter has busy Auckland Trotting Club commitments he still breeds with his friend and fellow Auckland Trotting Club Board member Ross Johnson.

One of their best broodmares is the seven-win Group One winning Real Desire mare, Cowgirls N Indians.

She won the 2011 Harness Jewels Diamond and is currently in foal to Bettor's delight. That will be her fourth foal.

**Duane Ranger**

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## ACES PICKS UP HER EIGHTH!

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Tightas never made it as a racehorse but John Jones always believed that her mother's bloodlines would eventually shine through.

And that's exactly what happened again at Cambridge Raceway last Thursday night when an 8-year-old daughter of Bettor's Delight and Tightas notched up her eighth win in 127 starts.

The Fred Mitchell (Stratford) trained and Kyle Marshall driven Aces N Eights proved too strong when winning as a

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\$6.10 third favourite in the fifth event. He won by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

He is owned by Mitchell and was bred by Jones, his sister Mary-Ellen McCaughan, and her husband Des.

McCaughan (Des) was a licenced trainer from 1982 until 2012 and he bought New Offer as a 2-year-old and then won on debut with her as a 4-year-old.

"Early in her career New Offer raced like a Mercedes against a field of Minis. She was really nice pacer who was a former New Zealand 1700m record holder.

"My good friend Des did all the hard yards with her and I was his stablehand for about 10 years and learnt a lot from him. He really fueled my fire for the game," Jones said.

New Offer, who won four races, was by Surmo Hanover and out of the unraced Scotch Abbe mare, Maria Abbe. New Offer left eight foals – the best of them was her first foal, Samarias filly Bella Who, who won three races.

The un-raced Frugal Gourmet mare Tights was New Offer's third foal and Jones always thought she would leave some nice progeny.

"We actually bred three foals from her and Woodlands Stud bred from her every other year. Then when my horse population started to increase I sold Tights to Colin Evans down south," 59-year-old Jones said.

As well as Aces N Eights Jones and the McCaughans bred the maiden 2003 Lislea filly Stoppys and the 2010 Lis Mara filly Burn A Debt.

"Fred is also very happy with Burn A Debt. However, when the pressure goes on she does clutch at her front leg.

"Aces N Eights would be the best horse I have bred but Woodlands Stud have also bred some nice ones from the family," Jones said.

"Dream Offer (by Dream Away) is out of New Offer. She has left some nice horses, including the Bettor's Delight entire, bettor Dream, who won 13 races and a quarter of a million dollars," Said

Jones who also races gallopers.

Aces N Eights started his racing career at Alexandra Park in 2011 with a fourth. He was originally trained by Doug Gale before Mitchell took over in late 2012. The latter has won all eight races with bay mare.

"I leased Aces N Eights to Fred and the lease comes to an end this year. She is almost at the breeding stage but we will work something out with Fred.

"I think she will make a really nice broodmare," Jones said.

Jones, who lives in Mount Albert, was based in Ramarama for 20 years. He has been a lead lighter for 35 years specialising in stain glass windows. His 'pink' shop is based at Royal Oak.

"Des used to be in the same trade and that's how we met. He used to have a shop in Panmure. I'm not too far from Alexandra Park. It made sense to move to Mount Albert and be closer to my job at Royal Oak.

"Horses will always be a passion of mine. Horses like Aces N Eights makes the passion even more enjoyable," Jones said.

**Duane Ranger**

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## STANDARD BRED | A WORLD FIRST!

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The Breeders have been looking at ways through which we can better showcase our sport, industry and harness horses to New Zealand and the world.

We aspire to do so in a way that captures the imagination of our current stakeholders. At the same time we recognize and understand the need to engage and reach new audiences in a way that encourages or inspires them to want to be a part of our sport/industry.



Sheldon Murtha who hasn't evidently aged at all will be back on the box in the early spring!

Sheldon Murtha, a member of the Canterbury Standardbred Breeders Association and well-known broadcaster, approached The Breeders with the idea of a TV series as a possible gap in the market, and something that could give our breeding industry a much needed push in terms of mainstream coverage.

What has materialised is incredibly exciting, with two seasons of six 30 minute episodes about standardbred breeding to be produced by Sheldon this year with the first season airing on Trackside in September.

"Being on the Canterbury Standardbred Breeders Association they were looking to allocate some money to marketing such as websites and magazines. I stuck my oar in and said well why don't we try and fund or make a standardbred breeding show to at least put us alongside the thoroughbreds in terms of mainstream representation."

"I bumped into Mary Anne Twentyman at the thoroughbred sales and ran it past her to gauge Trackside's interest. What they were after being strapped for time was for somebody to come up with a concept and the money to push it through. So what started as an idea for getting Trackside to produce a show turned into let's get Sheldon to do it!"

Sheldon Murtha is no stranger to trackside and the racing public having held various broadcasting roles over the years.

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"The shows are being supported by the breeding industry to start with, and the show is a world first which is exciting. There's no standardbred breeding show anywhere. It's got plenty of legs and it can go where it likes and potentially go a long way to globalizing the sport. The breeding side of the industry has gone a long way in terms of globalizing the product in the last ten years.

"Places like North America and more recently the trotting in Europe have become more intertwined with down under with the transported semen and access to their top stallions.

"We have become increasingly connected so there is an aim to reflect that and put New Zealand harness racing up there as world class product that is equal to anything anywhere."

For those who have seen the thoroughbred model of Bred to Win, you can rest assured in the fact you won't be put to sleep with boring advertorials from our major studs.

"We've gone with an approach of making the series more of a Country Calendar style affair, to tell the human interest stories of breeders around the country who often wouldn't get their time in the sun and allow them to tell their story. It's a great way of capturing the enthusiasm and passion that is abundant in the breeding industry."

Doing anything mainstream requires cash in the bank, and without the support of numerous industry participants, HRNZ and the four breeders associations, none of the above would have been possible.

With the show being able to be disseminated through our online channels, and also the likelihood of being picked up in Australia for their Sky Racing channels, we are immensely excited at the prospect of showcasing our product in the modern and professional sphere of television.

A massive thanks must go to the following for their financial support of the series;

- New Zealand Standardbred Breeders Assn
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- North Island Standardbred Breeders Assn
- Southland Standardbred Breeders Assn
- Stallions Australasia
- Woodlands Stud

We have a great sport, a fantastic breed and now we can showcase it to an extra wide audience here and in Australia.

## Brad Reid

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# BALLE COLTS SHINE AT FRANKLIN YEARLING PARADE

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Pukekohe horseman Derek Balle looks set for a nice juvenile season in 2016-2017 if the annual Franklin Yearling Parade is anything to go by.

Yearling colt Cullen's Caviar (Christian Cullen – Callie O'Malley) was judged the top yearling at the Franklin Trotting Club's track on Station Road.

Balle cleaned up the two major prizes with stablemate, Bit Of A Tiger (Bettor's Delight – Tigerswish colt) also judged the 'Best-of-the-Rest'.

Balle received an NRM voucher while the Cullen's Caviar's gelding's owners received a McMillan Feeds voucher. Bit Of A Tiger's efforts earned Balle a Dunstan voucher sponsored by North Island Standardbred Breeders Association.

Balle said there wasn't much between the two yearlings.

"I couldn't separate them at this early stage. They are both very nice horses and the pick of my yearlings so far," Balle said.

Cullen's Caviar is owned by his breeders (D M J Verryt, P J Cowsill, Mrs P Cowsill, Miss K Verryt, Miss T Verryt, Mrs D Farrell) – the Syndicate that owned the colt's dam – Callie O'Malley, who won five races for Balle.

They also have a Bettor's Delight weanling out of Callie O'Malley with Balle. The mare was served by Auckland Reactor in September.

"Cullen's Caviar is very well put together and a bit more mature than most I've had. He feels like a 2-year-old but probably not a Young Guns horse. He will more than likely front after Christmas if he keeps developing the way he has," said Balle.

He said Cullen's Caviar had paced a mile in 2:20, a half in 65, and a quarter in 31.

"I broke him in, and like a lot of Christian Cullens he took a while to gait up, but once he got the hang of it he took to it well. He's been in work for 10 weeks and I'll give him a break now," said Balle.

He said Bit of A Tiger was a nice little horse, who had eight week's work since he was passed in at the this year's Karaka Yearling Sales. His reserve prize of \$60,000 wasn't reached.

"He will have his second prep in about a month. He should also make a 2-year-old, but after Christmas as well," Balle said.

Meanwhile the Steve Cornwall (Pukekohe) trained Monkey Bones – Immortal Beloved gelding, Tobruk, was judged the best trotter at the parade. He was also named the 'Best-Turned-Out-Trotter'.

The Robert Dunn trained Monkey Princess (Christian Cullen – Sheza Monkey) was judged the best pacing filly and the Ray Green trained Yasmine Bromac (Sir Lincoln – Jasmine Bromac) was the 'Best-Turned-Out'.

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The Brent Mangos trained Culpeka (Mach Three – Tuapeka Maddy) was named the best pacing colt and gelding and Balle's Cullen's Caviar, the 'Best-Turned-Out'.

Two Lincoln Farms service fees to Sir Lincoln were won by the Paulette Scree trained Petite's Majestic / and Joe Powell.

Twenty five yearlings (eight trotters, nine pacing fillies, and eight pacing colts and geldings) took part in the Parade.

### Franklin Park Yearling Parade results

**Overall Yearling-of-the-Year** - The Derek Balle trained Cullen's Caviar (Christian Cullen – Callie O'Malley colt). Owner received an NRM voucher and trainer received a McMillan Feeds voucher.

**Best-of-the-Rest:** Dunstan voucher sponsored by North Island Standardbred Breeders Association – The Derek Balle trained Bit Of A Tiger (Bettor's Delight – Tigerswish colt).

#### Trotters:

Veterinary Associates Equine & Farm \$500.00 product – The Steve Cornwall trained Tobruk (Monkey Bones – Immortal Beloved gelding)

#### Pacing Fillies:

Pukekohe/Waiuku Vet Centre \$500 Feed Voucher – The Robert Dunn trained Monkey Princess (Christian Cullen – Sheza Monkey)

#### Pacing Colts:

Vetpro \$500.00 product prize – The Brent Mangos trained Culpeka (Mach Three – Tuapeka Maddy)  
Every horse that entered received a halter.

### Duane Ranger



Horsewoman Genevieve Crawford is surrounded by racehorses who could be part of her rehoming crusade after their careers are over.  
Photo by Stephen Jaquier

## WOMAN'S PASSION SAVES HORSES

Horses have given plenty to Genevieve Crawford in her young life, and now she is paying them back tenfold.

Miss Crawford (20), who works for Roxburgh harness racing trainers Geoff and Jude Knight, has rehomed dozens of former racehorses in the past three years.

The words of her late grandfather John Crawford keep coming back to her:

"Saving one horse won't change the world, but it will change the whole world for that horse."

Miss Crawford has now changed the world for 79 former racehorses, who might otherwise have been sent to their deaths at a meatworks.

Miss Crawford was recognised for her remarkable efforts when she was named as the region's young achiever of the 2015-16 season at the Otago Harness Racing Awards at Forbury Park earlier this month.

She grew up on the family farm between Lawrence and Waitahuna and first sat on a horse with her grandfather when she was 6 months old.

It was the death of her grandfather about seven years ago that changed her world.

"When he passed away all his broodmares were supposed to be dog tucker, but I felt sorry for them all, so I rehomed all four or five of them," Miss Crawford said.

She started working in the school holidays for the Knights five years ago, and full-time for them three years ago.

The Knights offered to pay her to rehome some horses during her part-time stint with the stable, and the passion has grown from there.

Only "seven or eight horses" retiring from the Knights' stable in the past three years have not been rehomed, generally due to injury. More than 50 horses from the stable have been successfully rehomed, along with more than 20 from other stables.

Miss Crawford is conscious of animal welfare issues coming to the fore, particularly after it was announced in July the New South Wales greyhound

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racing industry will be shut down, after a damning report.

"I just think that with that all happening and when someone asks New Zealand racing what are we doing, if we can't give the proper answers, they have the right to shut it down," she said.

"But if we can say 'well, we rehome them and the statistics are not that bad', then they probably can't do much about it."

The horses are broken into saddle and are taken on treks before Miss Crawford advertises them for sale.

She has kept tabs on the rehomed horses and has taken several back after she felt the new owners were not looking after them. The process is not a money-making venture for Miss Crawford.

"All the money goes straight up to the freeloaders in the top paddock. Nothing's made off them."

Miss Crawford had her first drive as a junior at Forbury Park last week behind two horses trained by the Knights and chances are she could be rehoming them when their careers are over.

"The least we can do is repay them because if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have a job."

**Matt Smith**

## MORE BREEDING POINTS FOR BECKER

The genuine, hardworking families in our industry thoroughly deserve their time in the sun and although it doesn't happen enough, when it does it's worth every bit of celebration.



Jean Sebastien returns to the winner's enclosure after taking out the Junior Drivers Championship trot in the hands of Craig Ferguson

On Friday 22 July at Addington Raceway the Markham family tasted victory when stable star Jean Sebastien won the Peek Exhibition 2016 NZ Junior Drivers Champ's Trot with Craig Ferguson aboard.

The Markham's have had a great association with breeder Jenny Becker who has given them a couple of nice trotters to train.

The first horse that they got from Becker was The Tinman. Carl Markham qualified him at Gearaldine beating home Stig, way back in 2006. After he qualified he got sent to Robbie Holmes where he won nine races and placed 10 times, winning a total of \$70,723.

"I always said to her if she had another one, would she consider leasing it to us and she rung me up one time and said she had a Love You."

The horse in question was of course Jean Sebastien who is out of Tehora Mistletoe who had 12 starts for one win.

Becker wanted to get the horse up and running and sell him however she thought it would be difficult considering his trotting style is not the best so the decision was made to lease the horse to the Markham family.

"He was a big, tall, geeky looking horse, he's nice now but his gait is not the 'flashiest'."

Owned by Carl, daughter Stacey and friend John Maw, the six-year-old

gelding has now had 52 starts for three wins, six seconds and four thirds.

"It doesn't get any better, he was the first horse we owned that has won, we are still celebrating, it's just on going and winning a race at Addington is even better."

"We certainly wouldn't be making any money but it's nice to have a horse like him that can just roll up each week and hopefully get a cheque but to win the race it's even better."

A lot of credit must go to Carl's wife Lyn and son Jeremy who is Jean Sebastien's regular driver.

"I'm lucky to touch him! Linnie does all of the work with him, I hardly touch him, that's why he always looks so good. She works him in the dark in the mornings with one of those head lamps on so she can see the outside fence, so she doesn't crash into it," Markham laughed.

"He wouldn't be what he is without a good farrier and the people that keep him in shape and that has been a big part of getting him right," Lyn added.

Carl and Lyn also paid tribute to Jeremy who takes the reins on most occasions.

"He wouldn't be what he is without Jeremy. He builds his confidence up and he's looked after him, he's never knocked him round. If he hadn't of looked after him he wouldn't have done what he has," Lyn said.

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"I don't think he would race like he does for an aggressive driver," she added.

"We are really lucky that we have the horse, the industry and the kids really love it too. It's a good family connection."

The Markham's have Tehora Nova at their home in Methven who was also bred by Becker.

The four-year-old CR Commando mare has had just six starts and will be looking to begin her preparation for the West Coast circuit very soon, hoping to pick up her first win.

Becker has a real passion for the horses she breeds and she has The Tinman in her paddock at home on the Kapiti Coast to live out his retirement.

Becker has also just recently retired Tehora Holly, a half-sister to Jean Sebastien, and the Markham's are hoping for some off spring from her to provide them with some more challenges and highlights.

Tehora Holly won three races and placed 10 times which leaves her as an exciting breeding prospect especially as she can produce foals closely related to Jean Sebastian.

Carl speaks very highly of Becker who has provided him with some nice trotters to train.

"She's the first one to ring us and congratulate us when the horse goes good. She's a lovely, lovely lady," he said.

Becker has bred many horses and most of them fit into the 'Tehora' name and are trained by Robbie Holmes at Leithfield Beach.

She also still owns some of them and has had great success with the ones she has bred.

Becker knows how to breed a good trotter and the Markham's are excited about any more of hers that come their way.

**Hayley Clarke**

## HOW LUCKY ARE THE TIMS?

There's nothing lucky about Matamata broodmare Howz Lucky.

The 17-year-old Sundon chestnut is a quality North Island broodmare who boasts better than average genes. In fact of the eight foals she has left, seven have them have been winners while the eighth placed three times in eight starts.

"She's been a quality mare all right. She also went okay on the racetrack winning five races," said her breeder/owner Brian Tims. "I think she's now had 35 winners all up since she left her first foal back in 2006."

That first foal was the seven-win (\$52,644) Brylin Boyz gelding Lanez Luck.

But it was Lanez Luck's full brother – and foal number five – Lucky Fortune, that notched up his six win in 34 starts at Alexandra Park last month.

The Andrew & Lyn Neal trained and Todd Mitchell driven 5-year-old gelding was the \$2.90 favourite and bolted in winning the \$14,000 Wish For Fish Fundraiser for C1 to C4 trotters by a whopping eight-and-a-half lengths.

"I watched the race on TV and was real happy for the Neals. I love seeing my progeny kick on and win races. He's always been a nice horse. He did it easily didn't he?" Tims said.

Tims sold Lucky Fortune to the Neals at the 2012 Australasian Classic Yearling Sale for \$12,000. He's now amassed \$64,777 in stakes.

Brian and Rosemary Tims might live in the harness racing wilderness (Matamata) but that hasn't stopped them from breeding standardbreds since the late 1980s.

"Howz Lucky's dam, Great Memories (Great Heights – Mighty Mir) was owned by my mother-in-law, Molly Primmer. Her husband, the late Kelvin was a fine horseman who trained many winners.

"I bred from Great Memories on our farm and she left just one foal – Howz Lucky. We tried to get her in foal again but had no luck," Tims said.

Following 9yo Lanez Luck, Howz Lucky left 8yo mare, Madisonz Luck (by Armbro Invasion – 11 wins and \$91,227); 7yo mare, Rosemaryz Luck (Monarchy – one second and two third, \$11,794); 6yo mare, Mollyz Luck (Monarch – 5 wins and \$22,606); Lucky Fortune; 4yo filly, Primz Luck (The Pres – 4 wins and \$22,124); 3yo filly, Tuiz Luck (Pegasus Spur – 1 win and \$12,786); 2yo filly Di'z Luck (The Prez – 1 win and \$12,996); and Peak weanling filly, Peakz Luck.



Flashy chestnut Lucky Fortune in his prelim before the 2015 Harness Jewels at Ashburton

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"She's left six fillies and is now in foal again to Peak. I named most of them after family members. Madisonz Luck, who is named after my grand daughter would be the best horse I have bred or owned," said Tims.

"She was a wonderful mare who placed twice in Group one races. They were the Harness Jewels 2yo final in 2010 (second) at Cambridge, and then the following year she ran third Northern Trotting Derby at Alexandra Park," Tims said.

"I'm glad we retained the ownership in her. She has left us a Lucky Chucky weanling named Maddy Junior, so here's hoping," he added.

Tims is also breeding from Rosemaryz Luck. She has left a 2yo Great success gelding named Need Luck, and an unnamed Majestic Son weanling colt. She was served by Majestic Son again last November.

"I've always loved harness racing. My father and mother-in-law got me hooked. Howz Lucky has made it all very worthwhile," Tims said.

Tims, who drove a winner in 1977 and 1980, said his grandfather had trotters while his father was into the trotters.

"If it wasn't for Kelvin I might not have ever got into harness racing. I always liked it but when he gave me my first drive behind a horse I became instantly hooked.

"We are racing Tuiz Luck and she is trained by James Stormont at Pukekohe. She won a race at Alexandra Park in February. We usually call on Sean McCaffrey or James to do our training," the semi-retired dairy farmer said.

**Duane Ranger**

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## THE DEAL OF A DECADE (OR THREE)

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Te Awamutu breeder Murray Gower is glad he made a breeding deal with his old mate Bob Thompson almost three decades ago.

The 73-year-old former panel beater, service station owner and dairy farmer, is now a popular Waikato breeder because of that agreement he made with Thompson.

"I was standing the stallion Jefferson Lobell at the time and we agreed to go on a foal-for-foal deal with Bob's (1982) Gramatan mare, Little Honey.

"Her first foal was by Jefferson Lobell (The Grafter) and the only other foal she left was a 1983 Neroship mare named Slinger.

"Slinger is from the same family as Raschker. I was there to watch him win on Friday," Gower said.

Raschker, a son of Elsu, justified his \$3.40 favoritism tag by notching up his

first victory in nine starts at Cambridge Raceway last Thursday night.

The 6-year-old was too strong in the \$6,000 Changeover At Nevele R Stud Mobile Maiden Pace. The Todd Mitchell trained and driven black gelding won by almost four lengths pacing the 2200m mobile in 2:43.4 (mile rate 1:59.5) with final 800m and 400m sprints of 57.6 and 27.6.

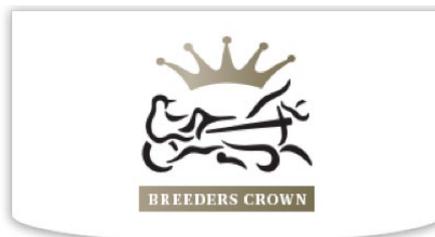
Gower, who owns Raschker, said any horse than could come home in 27 was worth persevering with, even if he had dubious legs.

"We have had to be very patient with him because of his suspects knees. Thursday's race was his first run since March.

"Toddy has done a very good job with him and has only brought him back when he thinks he is right to run. Hopefully the worst is behind him now," said Gower.

Raschker made his race-day debut at Cambridge on January 11 last year, but only had one race after that before being side-lined. He resumed with a second at Cambridge in December and then he was spelled in March.

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All first listed breeders should have received an Australian Breeders Crown mare nomination form from Harness Racing Victoria. These are due 1st September, and are for mares currently in foal.

As per the list of stallions provided with the nomination form or on the ABC website, [www.breederscrown.com.au](http://www.breederscrown.com.au) mares in foal to a Breeders Crown eligible stallions are \$38.50. The fee for a mare in foal to anon-eligible trotting stallion is \$198, and \$330 for a non-eligible pacing stallion.

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Raschker is the only foal out of the one-win Christian Cullen mare, Miss Cullen. He is her first and only foal at present and will be served by Sir Lincoln this season.

"I had no return from Sir Lincoln last time but I like his pedigree and I think he is a much underrated stallion. I like the Mach Three line," Gower said.

Miss Cullen is the only New Zealand winner out of out of the un-raced mare Slinger. She also left two other Caprock and Tinted Cloud foals who never won a race.

"I've never really owned or bred a champion, maybe that's still to come, but at my age I'm starting to wind down now. I have a share in Stunin Banner so that also keeps me very interested," Gower said.

As for Raschker, Gower believes he could foot it with the better horses in Auckland.

"Any horse that can go a 27 quarter tells me that he could win a race or two up there but his legs are going to have to strengthen up."

So where did Gower dream up the name Raschker from?

"My wife Sheryl regularly competed against a German-American woman named Philipa Raschker in World Masters events. She has won 100 gold medals and my wife said because she always finished behind her she would name a racehorse after her one day.

"Sure enough," Gower said.

## Duane Ranger

# CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARE: WINTER ROSE

One of two mares joining the list of multiple classic producing broodmares with 5 or more offspring in results information as shown on the Classic Families (CF) database is WINTER ROSE.

WINTER ROSE (2000 In The Pocket/Bella Chip), NZ family of Maud by Berlin; 2:00.3, 1 win, \$10,560; 10 foals, 9 to race/8 winners, 1 qualifier. Breeder : Jim and Dr Susan Wakefield. All foals bred at Arden Lodge, Tapanui by Noreen Stiven except Ardens Winstar (John Stiven)

Sire In The Pocket representing the Direct Scooter line has been very productive in Australasia.. Descending through Volomite and Peter The Great, past stallions whose siring lines were successful in NZ and Is out of a Tar Heel mare. As a racehorse his major wins included Governors Cup - 2, Jersey (Historic) Cup, New Jersey Sires Stakes - 3c and a heat of Little Brown Jug with a best mile of 1:49.3USTT (Red Mile, Lexington) with earnings of \$1.5m. In The Pocket has topped a variety of NZ siring/broodmare sire lists over the past two decades and is a member of NZ Trotting Hall of Fame.. He has left over 1,100 winners including millionaires Christian Cullen, Courage Under Fire, Changeover, Sanabelle Island, Crew Cut Zach plus Bellas Boy, Classy Filly, Light and Sound, Pic Me Pockets, Tribute, Tupelo Rose, Under Cover Lover, Winforu; damsire of over 800 including Beaudiene Bad Babe, Beaudiene Boaz, Bettors Strike, Excel Stride, Flaming Flutter, Sky Major, Susie Maguire, The Gold Ace, The Warp Drive, Tintin In America.

Dam Bella Chip (full sister to Lento) won five races in NZ (Methven Breeders Stakes, \$20,720) before her export to North America where she was successful in 1:52.3US (further stake earnings of \$110,400). She is the dam of Bellas Boy (full brother to Winter Rose), the winner of 16 races in NZ, Australia

and North America (1:52.0US, over \$400k, Breeders Crown - 2c, Victoria Derby, Junior FFA). Bella Chip is by Peoples Blue Chip from Orbell (dam also of Lento, NZ Breeders Stakes and Premier Mares C/S twice, dam of Whanau; grand dam of Awesome Armbr, 1:49.4US, Elsu/Cambridge Classics, ID Consolation), by Patron Score from Light Chase, by Good Chase from Witchlight (dam of Trident), by Local Light from Witcha, by Stormyway from Watcher, by Grattan Loyal from Selene, Guy Parrish from Locanda Belle, by Brent Locanda from Miss Effie Bells, by Abbey Bells from Effie, by Electioneer from Maud by Berlin.

The family of Maud by Berlin (CF N37), contains stand out descendants such as Master Musician, Royal Gaze, Awesome Armbr, Trident, Leading Light, Philemon, Armbr Wings, Lento, Shortys Girl, Whanau, Bellas Boy, Bettors Strike, Venus Serena.

From only nine starts as a two and three year old when trained by Cran Dalgety, Winter Rose recorded just the solitary victory in a NZ Sires Stakes 2f heat at Addington, beating home Imagine That in a 2:00.3 mile rate (total earnings of \$10,560). Following her race day retirement, Winter Rose was bought by Arden Lodge from Jim and Susan Wakefield.

Winter Rose has been a very successful broodmare, from her ten foals to date, she has had 7 winners and 2 qualifiers with 7 in two minutes (including qualifier Arden Caviar). Between them they have won 3 Group 1's, a Group 2, 2 Group 3's and a Listed race. She was awarded the New Zealand Standardbred Breeders Association Broodmare of Excellence Award at the 2015 NZ Cup Eve function.

Winter Rose's male progeny includes :

Bettors Strike (Bettors Delight 11yo gelding), winner of twelve in NZ (1:58.5)



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including Rangiora Classic, Winton/ Marlborough Winter Cups with major placings being seconds in NZ Cup, City of Auckland FFA, Easter Cup, Superstars; third in New Brighton Cup; fourth in NZSS - 2c. His four Australian (1:55.7) victories included the Tasmanian/Victorian/Cranbourne Cups for total earnings of \$800k. Bettors Strike was trained by Cran Dalgety and was the horse that ignited the career of Dexter Dunn in his Junior Driver days.



**Bettors Strike**

Winter Rose's fillies include :

Bella Arden (Elsu 9yo mare), winner of five races for trainer Robbie Holmes including her first at Motukarara, Robin Dundee Crown and Ashburton F&M Mile, 1:57.3, \$45,505. She is the dam of two unraced foals.



**Bella Arden**

Southwind Arden (Bettors Delight 8yo mare), located in the Mark Purdon/Grant Payne barn initially, Southwind Arden won nine races (1:58.4, \$150,127) including at both Islands major metropolitan tracks, CPTC Winter/Cheviot Cups, thirds in Rangiora Classic, GN Breeders Stakes and fourths in Queen of Hearts, NZ Breeders Stakes. She is the dam of a

Somebeachsomewhere yearling colt.

Garden Rose (Artsplace 7yo mare), a winner at Motukarara from six starts for Purdon/Payne combo (2:07.1, \$3,674), dam of 1 foal (2yo) to date.

Winter Strike (Bettors Delight 6yo mare), raced from Brent Mangos/ Hayden Cullen stables, now in Australia (2:01.7, 1:59.6AUS, over \$25k). Winner of two in NZ (Cambridge/Manawatu raceways) and two in Australia (Pinjarra).

Rocknroll Arden (Rocknroll Hanover 5yo mare) raced out of three stables in NZ starting with Mark Purdon; Mark Purdon/Natalie Rasmussen; Barry Purdon and Demmler stable in Australia. Four wins in NZ (1:54.8) including Caduceus Club Southland - 2f, Canterbury SBA Stakes and placed second in NZSS - 2f, GN Oaks; thirds in Leonard Memorial - 2f, Jewels Diamond - 2f, NZSS - 3f, Nevele R Fillies final and fourth in Ladyship Stakes - 3f, NZ Oaks. Her two Australian wins (1:57.7) from four starts came in a heat and consolation of Breeders Crown - 3f. She had total earnings in excess of \$170k.



**Rocknroll Arden**

Ardens Choice (Panspacificflight 3yo filly), has had four wins and eleven placings from twenty five starts from Purdon/Rasmussen and Barry Purdon stables. These include Caduceus Club Classic - 2f with seconds in Jewels Diamond - 2f, Ladyship Stakes - 3f, thirds in NZSS - 2f, NZ Oaks and fourth in Nevele R Fillies final - 3f for stakes of \$202,473 (1:56.6).

**Peter Craig**



**Ardens Choice : current pride and joy with owners (lessees) John Stiven, Les Roseveare, Ardens Choice, Lynette Roseveare and Judy Stiven. Bred by Estate of Mrs Noreen Stiven.**

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