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BREEDERS' WEEKLY

This week we caught up with Gaby and Julie Maghzal, breeders of Habibti, Habibti Ivy and Habibi Inta amongst others to bring you another instalment of Breeder Profiles.

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BROODMARE LETTING RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Dave Rankin never set out to be a breeder.

The former Met boss just wanted to race horses.

Even when he settled on a Fake Left filly from Belle Glade at the yearling sales in 2005, he said "breeding wasn't a thought."

It came soon enough, after the filly named Sparks Under Fire was finally beaten by tendon problems and was off to stud. A win and three placings from 13 starts understated her ability.

The results from her second career have been tremendously good. She has left five foals; all have won, four have been sold for middling to big money, and there's more to come.

Rankin discovered his breeding gem more by accident than careful planning.

"The fillies being sold at the sales by Studholme Park were being prepared on our Prebbleton property and this filly just took my eye. I had a bit to do with her. I'd never been to the sales before, and I thought she might go for \$40,000.

"IN FACT, SHE WENT FOR \$58,000. I GOT THE PLEASE EXPLAIN FROM MY WIFE KATHY WHEN THE SALE MADE HEADLINES IN THE RACING PAGE OF THE PAPER THE NEXT MORNING."

While Rankin may have been on a rocky ground for a day or two, Sparks Under Fire has long since smoothed things; a consistent source of pleasure and profits.

Her first foal, to Christian Cullen was Fuoco who won four from 30 and was sold for \$23,000. Next came his brother El Fuego, the winner of five from 11 and sold for \$55,000. To Mach Three, she left Burning, sold for more than \$100,000 after winning five from 10, and his sister Macfire was sold cheaply at the sales for \$11,000 but has won five in Australia.

Sent to Grinfromeartoeart "because I was accumulating too many and the price was right, about \$2000", she left Ears Burning, a smart winner on debut at Addington last Sunday. The 3-year-old was handled superbly by Nigel Mc-

Grath, who has been Rankin's number one trainer for more than a dozen years.

To come are Fire One, a Mach Three filly presently turned out, a filly foal by Art Major and, with the success she's had with Mach Three in mind, she's in foal to his son, Auckland Reactor. All are in partnership with Ian Rule.

Sparks Under Fire is a half-sister to Sparks A Flyin, dam of the big winners Diomedes (8 wins), Emphyrean (10), Bettor's Fire (11), Safedra (10), Art Union (16) and Alpha Rock (4 from 5).

At one stage Rankin's broodmare interests included Miss Bubbles, The Secret, Sweet Georgia, Cee Ash and Frizzante, but they've all gone except The Secret. She has an Auckland Reactor yearling colt, a Bettor's Delight colt foal, served by Art Major, and is at the question mark stage. The only young ones are Fizzing, a 2-year-old from Frizzante with Cran Dalgety, and a yearling colt by Art Major from Sweet Georgia.

Having bred so many winners and enjoyed the thrill of racing Chilli in the New Zealand Cup – the year Change-over ran 3.57 – Rankin is entitled to reflect well on achievements in all facets of harness racing.

A Group 1 success is missing. Rankin knows the family won't lack for spark as that endeavour continues.

Mike Grainger

BREEDER'S PROFILE



Gaby, Julie & Sasha Maghzal with Habibi Inta, Paul Nairn & Blair Orange

This week's Breeders Profile is brought to you by Julie Maghzal the female half of the passionate and dynamic trotting duo of Gaby and herself. The introduction of Lebanese hybrid vigour into the Kiwi maternal line of trotting trainer Bob Day via the 1970s immigrant Gaby, producing two lovely daughters, was the model for Julie and Gaby jumping in the deep end and seeking out European bloodlines for their NZ trotting mares. Flair, style and vigour at home and in the trotting breeding barn drive breeding decisions today

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN HARNESS RACING?

I just love harness racing and trotting in particular. Obviously my interest started with my dad and developed quickly when he gave us Three Tens and we bred Signor Gabrielli, by Game Pride. Over the years we have bought or bred a fair share of horses and had some success. We have many special memories.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING STANDARDBREDS?

Since 1981 in our own right when we bred Three Tens.

FIRST HORSE YOU BRED?

Signor Gabrielli. He was 2-year old Trotter of the Year. We did not know what to name the colt so one of our friends suggested we name it after Gabby! Trained by the late Pat O'Reilly snr, Signor Ga-

abrielli put eight wins on the board giving us "a lot of fun and a lot of parties." Our association with Signor Gabrielle came a full circle many seasons later when a filly they bred, Habibti, won us our second Harness Racing award, the 2-year old Trotting Filly of the Year award with Hababti. Signor Gabrielli's dam, Three Tens, was also the mother of Ten Four, which in turn left Ten to One, the dam of Habibti.

We purchased Ten to One off Dick Petrie after following the family for years. She appeared for sale in the Weekly and Gaby picked up the phone and a deal was done.

FIRST RACE WINNER YOU BRED?

Signor Gabrielli

WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBREDS?

Passion, love of the trotters and a great enjoyment in seeing horses we have bred do well. We have been very fortunate breeding horses like Releven Dream (Dream Vacation – Ten to One, 4 wins) the Love You trio of Habibti (15 wins), Lothario (4 wins) and Habibti Ivy which we own and race 3 wins. Other horses we raced but did not breed that gave us thrills and kept us coming to the races include Gundaroo (4 wins), Beirut (2 wins), Takeiteasyonme (2 wins), Signor Vance (4 wins), Clovelly Fleur (3 wins), Silver Lopez (3 wins), Malak Usraad (17 wins), Maronite (11 wins), and Mabrook (9 wins),

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HORSE (OR) THE BEST ONE YOU HAVE BRED (AND WHY)?

Habibi Inta is our favourite. He is the fourth Love You from Ten To One. He is good looking, stylish and strong. Paul Nairn told us that he is the strongest 2-year old he has ever trained. Gaby and I are hoping that he develops into a serious stallion prospect. After his recent win at Addington we have turned down seriously big money for him. I would love to see him stand in New Zealand as a stallion being a son of the wonderful Love You. Habibi Inta is exciting and will keep us breeding for a few more years. Paul Nairn is a genius and is bringing him on slowly. He will race at Methven and then in the 2YO Trotting Championship

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE STALLION OF ALL TIME?

Love You. Over three decades ago when we bred Signor Gabrielli the World Drivers Championships were held in New Zealand. We got to know the French driver and had him home for dinner. Gaby spoke French so it was easy. The discussion was deep and serious. The driver explained trotting in France, their theories and practices.

As a result we always had a desire to move away from the North American trotting blood. We thought that accessing European trotting stallions would improve the breed in New Zealand massively. When Love You became available we found every video we could. His trot was beautiful and his action lovely. We were in love.

HAVE YOU BRED ANYTHING THIS SEASON?

Ten To Love to Love You and Anna Livia to Terror to Love

SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGE FOR BREEDERS?

Two things. Firstly, to improve the supply of semen for foreign trotters with more choices. Related to that is more education about the quality European trotters.

Secondly I would like to see more group trotting races for the fillies and the mares. We need to build the credentials of our base of trotting fillies with more black type.

EX-SCUSE ME?!

It's hard to believe that the Australasian mile record holders are full brother and sister! (pictured: next page)

Have Faith in Me lowered the mile rate of 1:47:7 set by his sister Adore Me in last year's Ladyship Mile. Having to be restrained in the straight by Natalie Rassmussen, the superstar four-year old reeled in Inter-Dominion Winner, Lennytheshark in the shadows of the post.



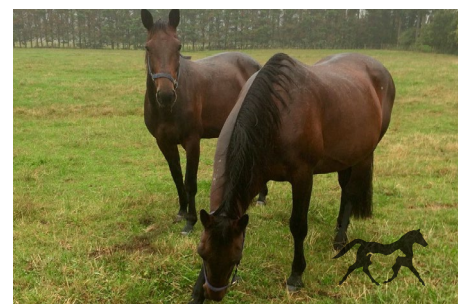


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Congratulations to Charles Roberts and the Woodlands team on this incredible breeding achievement.

Here's a pic of the champion mare Adore Me (right, in foal to Sweet Lou) hanging out with her mum and dam of the new mile record holder, Have Faith in Me, Scuse me. There'd be some good banter in that paddock on Miracle Mile night when the pic was taken by Charles grand-daughter Sarah Kenny, one would imagine! The world's two best broodmares in our sport, if not racing!

Brad Reid



WIMBALIRI HEADS TO OZ ON HIGH NOT FOR BREEDER/OWNER

Penny Fensom might be Mum to Zoe (3) and six-month-old Toby, but the 35-year-old Pukekohe trainer is also making a name for herself in the equine breeding ranks as well.

Penny, who is married to well-known South Auckland horseman Rhys, co-bred impressive the Alexandra Park winner of last Friday night – Wimbaliri.

The 4-year-old Gotta Go Collect gelding now leaves New Zealand on a high after Fensom opted to race him out of Matt White's Perth stable.

"He will be better placed over there. If he stays here he will soon have to race the likes of No Doctor Needed and other good horses," said Fensom, who co-owns Wimbaliri with her Mum Rosemary (Eden) and family friend Moss Yellas.

Fensom also bred Wimbaliri with Yellas and her last father David Eden.

Her breed certainly will not be lost overseas.

Wimbaliri's dam, the four-win Holmes Hanover mare – Festina Lente is now a grand-dam at 16 and has left two foals of her own. She is currently in foal to Bettor's Delight.

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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 2015) who breeds the winner of a totalisator race at a New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club (Met) meeting held at Addington Raceway will be eligible for a \$500 bonus payment. Bonus also applies to meetings held by the Amberley and Cheviot Trotting Club meetings!

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Her only other foal – Losika (by Elsu), which is three years older than Wimbaliri, had “several injury issues” as a race-horse and in 2013 was put in foal.

“She always showed a bit of promise and was shaping up as a race-horse and then she would get sore so we put her to Tomahawk and as a result we now have a yearling colt named Tomkat.

Then after that we decided to put Losika back in work again but she finished down the field (11th on July 30 2015). She’s now in foal to Auckland Reactor,” Fensom said.

Fensom raced Festina Lente with her parents, who also bred her. She won four races and placed four times from her 32 starts. She was out of the Jayex maiden mare Miss Morris.

“MOSS WANTS TO PUT SOME NICE STALLIONS TO HER SO I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE A NICE BREEDING CAREER AHEAD OF HER. WE ARE ALSO HOPING THE SAME FOR LOSIKA.

“BUT WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WIMBALIRI HAS ACHIEVED HERE. HE IS A NICE PACER AND SHOULD HOPEFULLY WIN A FEW IN AUSTRALIA,” FENSOM SAID.

Wimbaliri left for Australia yesterday (Wednesday March 2) having raced in New Zealand 11 times for three wins, two seconds and a third. He won \$21,106 - \$333 more than his Mum achieved in 32 starts.

The bay gelding left his best New Zealand performance to last.

Wimbaliri was the \$4.90 second favourite in last Friday’s \$12,000 ATC Syndicate C1 and C2 Pace. He paced the 2200m mobile in a slick 2:41 flat with a slick 1:57.7 mile rate.

The Fensoms married in March 2010. Their youngest child – Toby was born on September 18. The day he was born the Fensoms trained Wimbaliri to win his first race in six starts at Alexandra Park. Tabatha Fensom did the driving.

Fensom (Rhys) also has two other daughters – Tabatha (25) and Paige (13).

“Life is great. I’m busy with my family and training and Rhys works for Tony Herlihy (MNZM). It would be great if Wimbaliri could go on to win a West Australia or Freemantle Cup,” Fensom (Penny) said.

Duane Ranger

QUALITY KEY FOR MIRACLE LODGE SYNDICATE

One breeding partnership that tends to fly under the radar is the Miracle Lodge Syndicate.

But that’s the way principles Clark Barron and Eric Parr like it.

They just feel privileged to be breeding from two mares that the late Alex McDonald bred or developed; Whanau and Joyfullbelle.

Barron first met McDonald in the early 90’s when driving the McDonald trained Lento (People’s Blue Chip – Orbell). He drove her to win her first race at Waimate and went on to drive her in six of her fifteen wins. The mares biggest wins included the Group One New Zealand Standardbred Breeders Stakes in 1995 and 1996.



Jumpforjoy

Mosgiel born McDonald bought Lento (\$272,110) as a weanling for \$1,000 and his other foundation mare Rockne Del (Rockne Lobell – Dryden Dell) as a yearling for \$1,500. He trained Lento to win twelve races with Henry Skinner training her to win three. Rockne Dell won four races and she is the dam of Joyfullbelle which Barron trained to win eight races.

“I TRAINED JOYFULLBELLE FOR ALEX AND THEN LATER BOUGHT A SHARE IN BOTH HER AND WHANAU FOR BREEDING. WE RACED HORSES TOGETHER UNDER THE MIRACLE LODGE SYNDICATE,” SAID BARRON.

The syndicate was formed by McDonald and Barron in 2012 but when McDonald passed away in July 2013 Eric Parr bought into the partnership.

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Parr has raced many good horses out of Clark's brothers Kens barn.

Joyfulbelle's wins included the Equine Stakes at Winton (1-56.3) and the Wyndham Cup. She was placed second in the Group Two 2004 Premier Mares Championship at Addington and third in the Southland Oaks Final in 2003.

Whanau, a daughter of Lento won ten races including the Group One 2002 Nevele R Fillies Final.

It's from these mares that Miracle Lodge Syndicate have filled up their paddocks with quality stock.

Joyfulbelle's foals include Joyfuljoy (Mach Three) which recorded 11 New Zealand wins for the Mark Purdon and Grant Payne stable before she was exported to America where she ran a 1-51.6 mile. Another daughter Jumpforjoy (Better's Delight) won seven from twenty one starts.

The partnership is still breeding from Joyfulbelle and she has a Bettor's Delight filly in this month's sale.

"We haven't had too much luck at the sales. The few that we have entered haven't always made it (to sale day)."

This year they've had to withdraw Rock Bottom (Bettor's Delight - Whanau) due to injury.

A number of Joyfulbelle's daughters are also being bred from. Fullofjoy (Grinfromeartoeat) winner of one from eight starts has a Bettor's Delight two year old filly that qualified for Southland trainer Wayne McEwan. Pride N Joy (Mach Three) has two Art Major fillies ready to add to the great success the females have had from this family.

On the other side of the breeding fence Whanua is doing a good job for the syndicate. She has left good winners in

Aussie including Treaty (Mach Three) 3 Australian wins, Mabrook (Bettor's Delight) 16 Australian wins and Skirmish (Mach Three) 4 wins from 7 starts.

Her first foal was the unraced Whenua (Mach Three) and she's the dam of Moonlight Gambler (Bettor's Delight) 6 wins in Australia, Wingatui Dew (Grinfromeartoeat) 9 Australian wins and Followthewind (Mister Big) 5 Australian wins.

Backandbeyond (Mach Three) is another of her daughters being bred from.

All of the syndicates mares have permanent homes at either Bryleigh Lodge or Kina Craig Stud.

You get the feeling that Miracle Lodge Syndicate is just getting started and with the foundation of quality stock left by Alex McDonald the best may be yet to come.

Peter Craig

2016 YEARLING SALES RESULTS

Click here to take a look at the results and averages from the Australasian Classic & NZ Premier Yearling sales held on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of February.

Results include sales averages by sires. What did you think of the sales? Were you a vendor or a purchaser? We would love to hear your feedback!

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GREAT 2016 SALES FOR STUDHOLME PARK

As well as achieving a new gross record, Studholme Park can tick off some other highlights from the Premier Sale.

Of the nine sales at \$100,000 or more, Studholme Park supplied two of them – the Bettor's Delight filly from Lancome for \$105,000, and the Love You-Paramount Star colt for \$110,000. Studholme was the only vendor to strike this bumper double.

"IT WAS NO SURPRISE. IF YOU MATCHED PEDIGREE AND TYPE YOU COULD SEE THEY HAD POTENTIAL, SO BOTH FIGURES WERE CLOSE TO WHAT WE EXPECTED."

On reflection, proprietor Brian West identified other happy features from the sale – the healthy market for trotters at the top end, a better demand for well-pedigreed fillies, and the good money for anything fitting "a commercial unit."

"We sold a Somebeachsomewhere filly for \$70,000. She was from an old mare (over 20) and we were selling her 11th foal. This was an excellent result. She was bought by someone looking beyond her racing career because she had a high-end pedigree. I'm not scared to release fillies when they fetch a price like that."

West said while he was well satisfied with the outcome, he has become sympathetic in his opinion of the merits in a two-tiered sale.

"I don't think so many vendors are keen on the in and out system of the sale as it is – \$7000 one minute, \$70,000 the next. It may be time to revisit this situation; at least see what others think."

He maintains there is a clear definition between a Premier item and one that isn't.

"I am contributing to both markets, and there are people who come along and

don't want to spend more than \$10,000, or \$15,000. We once had a market where the mums and dads could come in, but that doesn't seem to be there now."

Next year, West could strike again – from a surprise quarter. This year he has six foals – colts from Rafiki and a half-brother to Start Dreaming, and fillies from Hurricane Dancer, Turkana, Quote Me and a Bettor's Delight mare from Turkana – by the exciting Arts-place horse, Sportswriter. Sportswriter has made a huge impact in Australia, and there are early signs of it happening here.

From five starts, Mitch Maguire and The Lone Ranger have both won, and put their sire 4th on the sires list for 2-year-old pacers.

Why Sportswriter?

"I was looking for a horse on the move and that's where I saw him. I also thought he was a better punt than some of the others around that price."

On the face of it, Studholme will have a nice handful of Sportswriter yearlings on the market next year and with a Lancome filly by Art Major and Paramount Star's colt by Andover Hall, the scene is set for another strong performance.

Mike Grainger

DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR MCLEISH BOND

Canterbury breeder Robyn McLeish-Bond bred two winners on both Islands last Saturday afternoon.

The 56-year-old won the Stratford Cup with the Dave and Clare McGowan trained McRoyal. A couple of hours earlier she nailed the first race at Winton's Central Southland Raceway when the Craig and Josh Kennett trained Veneto notched up her second win in 12 starts.

They were the sixth and eighth favourites respectively and paid \$14.20 and \$25.30 to win.

"IT WAS A DAY TO REMEMBER ALL RIGHT. IT IS ALWAYS VERY SATISFYING TO BREED A WINNER THAT YOU HAVE HAD FROM DAY ONE."

"TO DO IT TWICE IN A DAY – WELL THAT WAS A BONUS," MCLEISH-BOND SAID.

She said McRoyal was now up there with the John and David Butcher

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PASSED IN LOTS | NAB YOURSELF A BARGAIN!

Click here to take a look at some of the passed in lots at this year's sales.

Some really well bred fillies and some nice types here for you to nab yourself a potential post sales bargain!

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trained Take The Hint as the best horse she has bred. That late son of Washington VC won six races and \$43,085. McRoyal has now won seven times and netted \$52,542 in stakes.

"He is out of the McArdle and the un-raced Sir Vancelot mare, Wren Alot. She was injured and never made the track and when Graeme (Bond - former husband) and I split she was left sitting on our property.

"At the time I had a free service to McArdle and decided to put Wren Alot to him. It was quite ironic really because I borrowed the mare off Graeme and he bought McRoyal back from the yearling sales," North Canterbury-based McLeish-Bond said.

McRoyal is now owned by Bond, Jack Hobbs, Robyn Green, and the Holibars - M.D. and D.M.

Saturday's Stratford Cup was McRoyal's best and first grass Cup victory in 57 starts.

"I'm really pleased for the owners. He's developed into a nice racehorse. He is the only one I bred from the mare," McLeish-Bond said.

Wren Alot is out of the late five-win Admiral Halsey mare, Royal Wren. Wren A lot has so far only left two racehorses - McRoyal and his 7yo older brother - Aye One (by P-Forty-Seven),



who won two races for Southland trainer, Lyndon Bond.

Balcairn-based McLeish-Bond said she was also delighted to see Veneto breakthrough for her second win at Winton.

"She is out of the un-raced OK Bye mare, OK Olga. She has left seven foals and 4-year-old Badlands Hanover mare, Veneto is the only one I bred from her," she said.

OK Olga also left Valhalla (by Live Or Die) who won six races and \$35,679. That gelding was her first foal and most successful to date.

McLeish-Bond said she had always loved standardbreds and it would stay that way until she left this earth.

"My partner is Lew Driver and I'll always loved racing and breeding.

Mc Royal wins the Stratford Cup in the hands of Todd Mitchell last Saturday

We enjoy what we do. I also have a full sister to Raglan in foal," she said.

That broodmare is the un-raced daughter of Sands A Flyin called Eva Peron.

She is the last and eighth foal out of the one-win daughter of Equitable II named Welfare Woman. Foal five - Raglan (Sands A Flyin) won 13 races and \$520,109.

"It can be a tough business at times but when you breed and then produce race winners there's no better feeling," McLeish-Bond said.

Duane Ranger



Charlotte Mooney with Andrew Grierson Woodlands Stud co-owner

WOODLANDS APPOINTS NEW MARKETING & SALES MANAGER

In early February, it was confirmed that one of racing's young achievers would be teaming up with the country's most successful stud to mark the beginning of a formidable partnership.

Charlotte Mooney was on hand at the yearling sales to discuss her new

appointment, which was understandably harder given the excitement of having just sold a yearling for \$230,000!

"It was an outstanding day with our own draft making over \$1.3million and for those offering progeny of our

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stallions," said the stud's new marketing and sales manager.

"With a great mix of purchasers including John Street, Gerald Shand, Cran Dalgety and Mark Purdon we know the horses will be given every opportunity to reach their potential and in-turn continue to cement our place as Australasia's leading breeders and vendors."

"Across the three days of the sales we were very happy that colts and fillies for both Bettor's Delight and American ideal were being snapped up. Even more pleasing is the number of bookings people made at the sales," she said.

Charlotte's background in racing & horses will be known to many, having grown up with sport horses and helping her parents John & Rebecca Mooney at Midfrew Farm at West Melton.

Charlotte has also spent the better part of her working career in the racing industry having worked across marketing and racing departments Addington Raceway before heading to the big smoke to work as Ellerslie's Marketing Manager - Racing.

So, how did she feel her first sales went in the role?

"It was very encouraging to see how much demand and interest there was in the American Ideals and Bettor's Delight's just continued to command big money with an average around \$54,000.

"To top the sale for the second year running with another quality Bettor's Delight Colt and to also break six figures with an outstanding son of American Ideal was a huge thrill for us but must also give breeders & future vendors confidence in our stallions and that the demand for their progeny is there."

Her passion for the industry and the stud were evident when discussing the opportunities that most excited Charlotte about her new appointment. With stallions like Bettor's Delight and American Ideal doing such a great job at stud, what else is there to promote?

"I'm really excited about evolving the brand and the awareness of how

innovative and diverse the branches to the business are. There are many facets to the stud outside of our great stallions that we are looking to communicate and educate the public about. With the on-farm branch - agistment & breeding, Sales branch - yearling & weanling sales & also the racing branch with our breeding syndicates and of course the breeding branch - the stallions."

When asked about the challenges she anticipates, Charlotte was quick to point out "I'm not looking forward to telling people they've missed out on a Bettor's Delight booking when his book is full!"

A bit of a challenge will no doubt be getting people to branch out and give the new stallion on the block, Sweet Lou a go.

Sweet Lou still remains the fastest 2yo in Standardbred history with his 1.49.0, Breeders Crown win at Woodbine, still standing!

As an aged pacer his career was highlighted by his incredible ten race win streak in the North American Free-for-All ranks. Amongst that win streak was six victories recorded in sub 1.48 mile rates. Following his outstanding 2014 season, he was named USTA Older Male Pacer of 2014.

At a stud fee of \$6000+ GST, he is primed to get his chance and looks to be a great out cross to the many Bettor's Delight mares on the ground.

"We're such a conservative bunch, we are notoriously hard on new season sires and would rather sit back and wait until the first Champion is on the track and the fee has gone up rather than biting the bullet and giving them a go.

"In saying that we're really happy with the book he got this year and the quality of those mares.

"The stud has backed him with their best & his first foals in America look like smart animals so that should give people some confidence and make my job a little easier!"

The stud's Woodlands Racing Syndicate can look forward their flagship horse racing this Friday night, as last season's champion three year old

trotter gets set to take on the best in Australasia in a few weeks' time. His name? Speeding Spur!

"He went great at the workouts last Saturday beating the pacers and while he won't be pushed on Friday, class should take him pretty close. The Great Southern Star on Saturday week at Melton is his main aim and the next couple of weeks should be a great deal of fun for all involved!"

If anyone would like to contact Charlotte to discuss anything Woodlands related, she can be contacted on **021 595 492** or by email: **charlotte@woodlandsstud.co.nz**

Brad Reid

PEPPER TREE FARM AND ALABAR STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP

Pepper Tree Farm is excited to be partnering with Alabar for the stud future of these three world class young sires - Sportswriter, Rock N Roll Heaven and Roll With Joe.

"Alabar has been keen to be involved with these exciting stallions and the timing was right for us to move forward together with our plans," announced Pepper Tree Farm principal Rob Vandyke.

"After 20 years of standing sires at Pepper Tree Farm, my wife Julie and I were looking to reduce our physical workload while maintaining our commitment to and financial investment in these great young sires."

"With our long standing and highly successful partnership with Alabar in Art Major, we knew this was the partner-

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ship we wanted for these young sires. With their outstanding reputation at the forefront of the Standardbred breeding industry, including their large client base and their farm in New Zealand, Alabar can value add to the careers of these young stallions."

Alabar will stand the stallions and they will be marketed under the Alabar umbrella. Alan Galloway, owner of Alabar, could not be more pleased.

"We are always looking to increase the quality of the stallions we can offer to our clients," stated Alan.

"It is not often you get the opportunity to manage three quality young stallions such as Rock N Roll Heaven, Sportswriter and Roll With Joe. We are extremely thankful to Rob, Julie and the whole team at Pepper Tree Farm for this opportunity and we cannot wait to offer these stallions to our clients." Pepper Tree Farm, who recently sold one of their properties as part of the planned stud reduction, will continue to operate as a smaller, boutique Standardbred stud farm with permanent resident mares.

"We remain committed to the Standardbred breeding industry and to the

future of these world class young sires and look forward to their progress and journey in partnership with Alabar," said Rob.

Rock N Roll Heaven p2, 1:50.4; 3, 1:47.6 - \$2,748,818

- 2014/15 Australia's Leading First Crop Sire and 2nd overall.
- Sire of 6 Group winners, incl two Group 1 winners, from his debut Australian crop.
- Sire of 2015 USTA 3yo Filly of the Year Divine Caroline from his debut North American crop.

Sportswriter p2, 1:49.4; 3, 1:48.6 - \$1,566,460

- 2015 Leading Ontario Sires Stakes Pacing Stallion.
- 2014/15 Leading Australian 2yo Sire by winners.
- 2014/15 Leading NSW Sire.

Roll With Joe p2, 1:53.2; 3, 1:48.4 - \$1,805,102

- USTA 3yo Pacing Colt of the Year.
- Full brother to Bettor's Delight.
- Debut crop of 2yos dominated New York Sires Stakes program – Leading money winning 2yo Pacing Sire in New York in 2015.

For further details on these stallions please head to **www.alabar.com.au**

A TIMELY REMINDER: WHOSE ME DAD?!

With a lot of the talk regarding last week's sales and the under performance of the second tier sires, it was interesting to note the number of races won by progeny of various different sires.

Thursday's Addington meet held a ten-race card and the progeny of nine different sires were to taste success.

The Stratford meeting on Saturday held a nine race card with the progeny of

eight different sires greeting the judge, with McArdle spoiling the party and siring the winners of two races. Some of the sires off that tasted success included P Forty Seven and Santanna Blue Chip!

On Saturday in the deep south meeting at Winton the 11 races on the card were won by the progeny of 11 different sires.

These included;

- Race 1:
Veneto | Badlands Hanover
- Race 2:
Millwood Daisy | Art Major
- Race 3:
Kate Jackson | Washington VC
- Race 4:
Flashing On | Flashing Red



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• Race 5:
Springbank Eden | Angus Hall

• Race 6:
Leah Mac | American Ideal

• Race 7:
Just Say Go | Real Desire

• Race 8:
Nek Time | Gotta Go Collect

• Race 9:
Classie Brigade | Bettor's Delight

• Race 10:
Alpha Rock | Rock N Roll Heaven

• Race 11:
RR Sand Dollar | Rob Roy Mattgregor

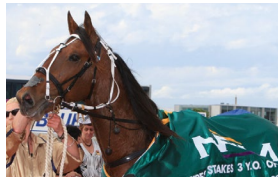
Of note were the winners by Flashing Red and Rob Roy Mattgregor which recorded their third and fourth race winners in New Zealand respectively!

The same feat almost occurred three days later with eight different stallions siring the winners of the nine race card at Manawatu on Tuesday.

While this isn't the first (and won't be the last) time this feat has occurred at a New Zealand race meeting, it is a timely reminder that winners can come from anywhere, and from stallions fit for all budgets whether breeding or purchasing.

Brad Reid

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For further information or to register your interest contact Ivan Behrnes - Alabar Syndicate Manager 03 615 6332, ivan@alabar.co.nz

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