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# JEWELS WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE FOR COLOURFUL BREEDER!

Stavros Kolovos said the best thing he ever did in life was pack up his family and emigrate from his homeland in Greece to New Zealand in 1963.

"I've always been horse mad since I was a little kid living in Macedonia. I used to ride an old pacer with my grandfather. But that was as close as I got to trotting. There is no harness racing in Greece. New Zealand lets me live my passion," Kolovos said.

"Whoever would have thought all these years later I would be breeding and owning standardbred winners," the 86-year-old added.

The Pukekohe pensioner notched up his 42nd career win when Lambros won his first race in seven starts at Alexandra Park last Friday night.

The 2-year-old gelding and Maurice McKendry beat his older rivals in the \$12,000 Balle Brothers Maiden Pace by three-and-a-quarter lengths. The Sean McCaffrey and Ross Paynter trained son of Bettor's Delight was the \$5.30 third favourite in the eight-horse field.

"I was delighted. I watched the race on TV. I think he has a nice future. Not many 2-year-olds can deal to their older opposition like that. I'm hopeful he will now qualify for the Jewels," Kolovos said.

Friday's win has almost ensured Lambros a start in the Group One \$100,000 NRM Equi Jewel 2YO Emerald.

"He's a promising young horse and Sean is a very good trainer and the best possible communicator. I looked at his statistics and then wanted Sean (and Ross) to train the horse. Sean is a quality horseman and that's why I gave him a share in Lambros," Kolovos said.

"He's a great horseman and a true gentleman," he added.

Kolovos knows all about quality. The best horse he bred and owned was the

11-win Peter Wolfenden trained Spike Darling mare, the late Levendi.

"Peter Wolfenden (MBE) trained her and she won almost \$100,000. Her biggest win was the Winter Cup which was run over two miles. She also raced in the 1987 New Zealand Cup which was won by the Australian, Lightning Blue," said Kolovos.

He said he paid \$90 in the m id-1970s for Levendi's dam – the maiden 1975 Tempest Hanover mare, Tui Vermont.

Lambros is the third of five foals left by the 11-year-old Christian Cullen mare, Queen Camille.

"She only had four starts and placed a couple of times, but she had bad legs so I retired her in 2007. Lambros is her first winner," he said.

Five of Queen Camille's six foals have all been served by Bettor's Delight, and she is currently in foal to that champion American sire.

"I like to have my mares severed by the best and furthermore I have always been impressed the way Woodlands Stud look after and care for my mares. They come back in sensational order and that's why I utilise their stallions. Simply because they are so professional," Kolovos said.

Queen Camille has also left a yearling colt named Bettor Be King and a weanling Bettor's Delight colt.

"When I look back on my life it's hard to imagine where I've come from in Northern Greece to here. It cost 2,500 pounds to ship my family out here. It was the best investment I ever made.

New Zealand has been very kind to us. My four children got a university education and I have had a full and happy life in this beautiful country," he said.

Kolovos has been a farmer for most of his life and retired when he was 75.

"I decided to get into harness racing because of my deep love of horses from a very early age. I chose standardbreds over thoroughbreds simply because they more affordable."

Kolovos said he liked to get to the racetrack but these days ill health had ensured he had to watch his horse race on TV.

"I'd love him to start in the Jewels Final. That would be a dream-come-true. Winning the other night felt like winning the Cup. If he won the Jewels Final my life would be complete," Kolovos said.

#### **Duane Ranger**

#### **NISBA**

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# BREEDER'S PROFILE



Maria Perriton.

Local software engineer, part-time roulette dealer at the Casino and part-time horse trainer Maria Perriton shared with us her enthusiasm for harness breeding for this week's Profile.

# HOW DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN HARNESS RACING?

When I was about 11 years old, in the 70s, I lived in Burwood. Along with Trevor Husband I pestered Alan Millow into letting me help with his small team. I then left school at 16 and worked for John Vincent. He has quite a nice team with some good horses including Ansett (Transport Chip - Abbey Star mare, 80 starts, nine wins, 24 places) and Spangled Lord (Lordship - Spangled Mary horse, 96 starts, six wins, 17 places.

From John I progressed as a junior driver for about five years and then had to let it go. I went to uni. In the back of my mind I always planned to come back, especially to get into breeding: selling the colts and racing the fillies.

# HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING?

About ten years ago, seriously.

#### FIRST HORSE YOU BRED?

I purchased a mare called Legendary

Value (Butler BG - Ravina Lass). Her first foal was Ceeva Maria (OK Bye) who left New Years Day. The next two did not make it being a Holmes Hanover colt and a Soky's Atom filly. 2001 bought along Ernest Hanover by Holmes Hanover which I sold as a 2YO. The last I bred from her was Zara P (Princess Zara P I Australia) (35 starts, 5 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds) by Elsu. In the end the mare was not commercial enough.

I then bought Lotta Talk (Talk About Class - Lotta Class) from Spreydon Lodge. After I purchased her Letitia Franco (Union Guy -1.57.2,S\* & 1.51.4,1MUSA 59 starts, 13 wins, 13 seconds, 6 thirds, \$269,627) emerged racing for Spreydon. I purchased her in foal to Live or Die resulting in Winston P (92 starts, 8 wins, 6 seconds, 7 thirds, Lt \$45,198). The first foal I bred was Sarah P (Western Terror) who broke down and she is now in foal to Gold Ace after missing to Changeover.

#### FIRST WINNER YOU BRED?

First NZ winner was New Years Day. I drove him when he won his first start in June 2008.

My first Australian winner was Ernest Hanover.

# WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBREDS?

I do not know. I enjoy the young ones. I enjoy studying the breeding and pedigree analysis. I have to work within a budget and so need to look for something different that may work.

It is an interesting business. For example take Makati Pixie (Grant Our Wishes - Globaga) I bought her at the end of her career to get my licence back. I then bred her resulting in Pricilla P (Pegasus Spur), Lisa Marie P (Dream Vacation), Elvis P (Monarchy) and Katy P (Great Success).

Elvis P was going to the sales but I decided that he was not commercial. He has had four starts now and is still learning. Again I enjoy working with what I have bred and I have the time to give them a little longer.

Then there is the quirky and fun stuff. Geoffrey P (Ohoka Arizona - Lotta Talk) hated the hopples but trots beautifully. He may not have lasted in a big stable as he is taking a little longer. He has tonnes of ability, almost a freak, and now won a couple of workouts and recently second in a trial. I research where the trotting may have come from - perhaps Christian Cullen?

I have to mention Rocket (2007 Sundon - Priceless Gem). I saw her in an online auction and get her because it was an opportunity to get into the Grice's Janetta's Pride trotting family. I trained and drove her for one win at Addington last year. She is now in foal to Dream Vacation.

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

Lisa Marie P (49 starts, 3 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds, Lt \$29,615).is a firm favourite but equal with New Years Day. I took her to the sales and bought back. New Years Day was very pretty and a bit of a character. He possessed very high speed.

#### **FAVOURITE STALLION?**

Mostly ones I cannot afford. However for three years I worked at Alabar Australia over the summer. I handled Art Major. He is an absolute gentleman of a horse. Fantastic. I hope to breed to him one day.

### HAVE YOU BRED ANYTHING THIS SEASON?

Rocket to Dream Vacation and Sarah P to Gold Ace.

### THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE IN THE INDUSTRY?

HRNZ is trying to help but funds are limited. I believe part of the stake of big races, one or two percent, should go to the breeder. I think that the Met Breeder bonus is great and Auckland should follow the example. These small amounts provide recognition and encouragement for the smaller breeders.

I feel that there should be more daily recognition for breeders. All race books should state who the breeder was. All race commentators should mention the breeder. Every little bit helps. Getting your name out to the industry helps people who want to get back to you or follow-up on your bred.



# THE BREEDERS NEW ZEALAND OAKS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The New Zealand Oaks is the far and away the country's most time honoured and premier race for Three-Year-Old fillies.

We took a look back over twenty years of New Zealand Oaks winners ranging from 1987 to 2007 to see whether they carried their championship qualities into the broodmare barn.

Copper Beach (from those tabled below) would appear to have left the best individual horse in De Lovely, this being one of the few examples of an Oaks winner leaving an oaks winner.

Elect To Live has defied the perception that top mares don't leave good horses and her influence will be long lasting having left a group winning son and now sire, Gotta Go Cullect to go with 2009 2YO filly of the year Gotta Go Harmony.

Every Oaks winner tabled below has managed to breed on and leave at least one winner themselves!

# 1987: Young Eden (1983 Noodlum – Eden's Joy)

10 Live Foals | 10 Qualifiers | 9 Starters | 6 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Roland John (1998c Falcon Seelster) 24 Starts | 6 Wins | 7 Placings | \$150,000 Southern Supremacy Winner

**Grandam of:** Ewie Duncan (2002g Live or Die – Young Ros) \$290,838 | 1:49:0 US

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#### 1988: Julie Vance (1984 Vance Hanover - Kiwi's Sister)

13 Live Foals | 12 Starters | 7 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Precious Dylan (2001g Precious Bunny) 67 Starts | 27 Wins | 14 Placings | \$349,588

#### 1989: Adina Babe (1985 Nero's BB - Gaelic Nurse)

7 Live Foals | 3 Qualifiers | 2 Starters | 1 Winner

**Best Progeny:** Final Verdict (1998m Sands A Flyin) 47 Starts | 2 Wins | 9 Placings | \$21,625

**Grandam of:** Hung Jury (2005g Live or Die - Final Verdict) \$86,473 | 1:56.2

#### 1990: Gypsy Winkle | (1986 Nero's B B - Gay Van Winkle)

8 Live Foals | 6 Qualifiers | 5 Starters | 2 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Utopia Motoring (1992c New York Motoring) 21 Starts | 3 Wins | 6 Placings | \$21,633

**Grandam of:** Western Flare (2006 McArdle –Unreal Utopia) \$51,486 | 1:58.6

# 1991: Smooth Performer (1987 Top Performer – Annie Smooth)

10 Live Foals | 7 Starters | 7 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Franco Sequel (1999m Falcon Seelster) 211 Starts | 33 Wins | 51 Placings | \$353,011 Australian Derby Winner, South Australian Derby Winner

**Grandam of:** Jacka Sandy (1994g Jeremys Gambit – Sachem Franco) \$88,110 | 1:57.1

#### 1992: Tigerish (1988 Butler B G - Tiger Dale)

12 Live Foals | 11 Qualifiers | 9 Starters | 7 Winners

**Best progeny:** Justa Tiger (2004c Christian Cullen) 37 Starts | 9 Wins | 11 Placings | \$162,222

Tiger Turner (1997m Holmes Hanover) 10 Starts | 2 Wins | 4 Placings | \$79,070 2000 2YO Filly of the Year | Delightful Lady Classic | Cadeuceus Club Classic

**Grandam of**: All Tiger (2004 Christian Cullen – Tiger Turner) \$496,107 | 1:49.1

#### 1993: Pacific Flight (1989 Vance Hanover - Significant)

5 Live Foal | 3 Starters | 3 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Sirius Flight (1999 The Big Dog) 5 Starts | 5 Wins | 1:54.2 | \$17,550

**Grandam of:** Malak Uswaad (2007 Bettor's Delight – Sirius Flight) \$542,585 | 1:49.2

#### 1994: Robyn's Treasure (1990 Son Of Afella – Ryal Robyn)

10 Live Foals | 7 Starters | 3 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Robyn's Cullen (2004g Christian Cullen) 86 Starts | 9 Wins | 20 Placings | \$82,905

**Grandam of:** Salty Robyn (2012 m Art Official – Holly Robyn) \$70.785 | 1:53.9

#### 1995: Iman (1991 Vance Hanover – Lucy Lumber)

4 Live Foals | 3 Starters | 3 Winners

#### **CONSULTATION OF EXPORT GUIDANCE MATERIAL**

MPI are releasing two new guidelines for the export of live animals for consultation with representatives of persons likely to be affected by them.

These cover the export of:

- horses by sea
- horses by air

The two draft guidelines are attached on our website. To view these guidelines and for information on making a submission, please click here to be taken to our website.

The closing date for submissions is Thursday 19 May 2016.

**Best Progeny:** Bocelli (1998g Falcon Seelster) 54 Starts | 10 Wins | 10 Placings | \$78,138

**Grandam of:** Only filly from Iman (Alexandria Zaha: 2002 Artsplace) has not been bred from.

# 1996: There's A Franco (1992 Holmes Hanover – Tango Franco)

9 Live Foals | 5 Starters | 4 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Franco Man (2002g Badlands Hanover)

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105 Starts | 19 Wins | 28 Placings | \$185.496

**Grandam of:** Tatum Franco (2006m Courage Under Fire – Tiara Franco) \$55,082 | 1:59.3

# 1997: Kate's First (1993 Holmes Hanover – Pleasant Franco)

10 Live Foals | 10 Qualifiers | 8 Starters | 5 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Maverick (2011c Bettor's Delight) 28 Starts | 7 Wins | 7 Placings | \$67,664

**Grandam of:** Marion Keisker (2011m McArdle – First Western) \$39,773 | 1:54.0

# 1998: Under Cover Lover (1994 In The Pocket – Vain Franco)

12 Live Foals | 8 Qualifiers | 7 Starters | 6 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Exotic Lover (2004m Artsplace) 11 Starts | 2 Wins | 2 Placings | \$110,336

**Grandam of:** Chachingchaching (2011 Mach Three – Affairs of State) \$118,304 | 1:56.6

Classical Art (2011m Mach Three – Art Lover) \$104.778 | 1:52.4

Abraxas (2009g Mach Three – Exotic Lover) \$109, 316 | 1:52.8

# 1999: Classy Filly (1995 In The Pocket - Smooth Ice)

5 Live Foals | 5 Qualifiers | 4 Starters | 4 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Classic Line (2002g Life Sign) 27 Starts | 12 Wins | 9 Placings | \$182,137

**Grandam of:** Only filly from Classy Filly (Inter Shape) has left 2 race winners, but nothing of note.

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Mainland Banner and Ricky May win the 2005 New Zealand Oaks

# 2000: Caps Off (1996 Caprock – Te Phyno)

11 Live Foals | 8 Qualifiers/Starters | 6 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Miss Madoff (2008 McArdle) 73 Starts | 11 Wins | 21 Placings | \$118, 308

**Grandam of:** Power of Attorney (2009g Attorney General – Pita Pocket) \$48,640 | 1:56.9

# 2001: Shania Patron (1997 Holmes Hanover – Patroness)

11 Live Foals | 6 Qualifiers | 6 Starters | 3 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Holly Patron (2007m Bettor's Delight) 48 Starts | 5 Wins | 8 Placings | \$19,434

**Grandam of:** Daughters of Shania Patron have just started their breeding careers.

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# 2002: Elect To Live (1998 Live or Die – Lopez Elect)

9 Live Foals | 7 Qualifiers | 6 Starters | 6 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Gotta Go Harmony (2006m Christian Cullen) 22 Starts | 4 Wins | 8 Placings | \$142,125 2009 NZ 2YO Filly of the Year

**Grandam of:** Gotta Go Jazzy Jet (2012f Jeremes Jet – Gotta Go Harmony) \$28,900 | 1:54.8

# 2003: Pullover Brown (1999 Ambro Operative - Dinavinetto)

4 Live Foals | 2 Starters | 2 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Runaway Bay (2010g Mach Three) 52 Starts | 15 Wins | 13 Placings | \$78,283

**Grandam of:** Pullover Browns only two daughters were foaled in 2014/15.

# 2004: Copper Beach (2000 Beach Towel – Les Payzen Star)

7 Live Foals | 5 Qualifiers/Starters | 5 Winners

Best Progeny: De Lovely (2006 Falcon Seelster) 27 Starts | 15 Wins | 6 Placings | \$656,113 NZ 3YO Filly of the Year | 4YO Mare of the Year | 6 Group 1's Grandam of: Copper Beach's Daughters have just begun their broodmare careers.

#### 2005: Mainland Banner (2001 Christian Cullen – Corporate Banner)

5 Live Foals | 5 Qualifiers/Starters | 4 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Return To Sender (2010g Mach Three) 52 Starts | 8 Wins | 18 Placings | \$102,148

**Grandam of:** Daughters yet to begin breeding.







#### 2006: Western Dream (2002 Badlands Hanover – Dreamy Atom)

6 Live Foals | 3 Qualifiers/Starters | 3 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Western Cullen (2008g Christian Cullen) 62 Starts | 19 Wins | 19 Placings | \$447,536

### 2007: One Dream (2003 Dream Away – Solitaire)

7 Live Foals | 3 Qualifiers/Starters | 2 Winners

**Best Progeny:** Luminesce (2010m Mach Three) 15 Starts | 4 Wins | 5 Placings

#### **Brad Reid**

# TOMADO TOMATO | HARNESS FIRST!

He might live in the trotting wilderness but Tom Rodewald is no stranger to tasting success in all three racing codes.

The former president of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association, who lives in Mount Manganui, has owned and bred standardbreds, greyhounds and also owns gallopers.

But he says he's a harness racing man, simply because he's enjoying watching his breed do the business on the racetrack.

Last Thursday at Manawatu Raceway, Rodewald and his two breeding compatriots tasted success when the P Forty-Seven gelding; P Tomado notched up his first win of the season – and third – overall in the \$6,000 New Central Motor Inn Mobile for C1 and C2 pacers.

"It's a great thrill to get a winner especially when you bred and own them. Doug (Gale) has done a super job with him since he relocated from Nicky's (Chilcott) barn early last year. The beach training is obviously doing him the world of good.

"I'd say harness racing is my number one racing code now, then the thoroughbreds, and then dogs – even though I have a better winning strike rate with the greyhounds," Rodewald said.

That's a big-call since he's won an Auckland Greyhound Cup (Idol Appeal) and numerous other Group One dog events, but said he got a greater satisfaction out of breeding and racing standardbreds.

He bred P Tomado with friends and former accountancy clients Doug Furze and Mac Robinson. The name Tomado derives from their first names Tom, Mac, Doug.

The Jay Abernethy driven 5-year-old chestnut scored by three quarters of a length. He was the \$12 seventh favourite in the nine-horse field.

Rodewald was introduced to standardbreds by Harness Racing Waikato's Racing Manager, Kerry Wells.

"I was Waikato Greyhound Racing Club Secretary for about 10 years and Kerry and I often talked harness racing. One day he took me to look at a horse but when that didn't suit I decided to take a replacement he showed me," Rodewald said.

That replacement was the Soky's Atom – Colonel Lassie mare, Waingaro Lassie.

"The first horse didn't measure up but Waingaro Lassie won six races and \$20,000 for us, and then we retired her in 2002. She's done a pretty good job at stud since," Rodewald said.

The mare has so far left eight foals and is currently in foal to American Ideal.

President Tomado (by Presidential Ball) is her most successful racehorse having won eight races and just over \$53,000. She was served by American Ideal in November.

"After President Tomado I'd say her most successful foal was Tomado Island, who won one race here and. then 25 more overseas. Then next best would be P Tomado, who has now won three," 58-year-old Rodewald said.

Four-year-old Waingaro Miss (by Lis Mara) has won one of her nine starts for Chilcott, while her last foal, a Bettor's Delight filly was born late last year.

"We have always been big supporters of Nicky. She's a great trainer and has had most of our horses. She does a good job and so does Doug," Rodewald said.

#### **Duane Ranger**



# THE RAKS OF RAKAUHAUKA

Southland breeder Brendan Fahy has made famous the prefix 'Rak' or 'Raka' – a reference to the district of Rakauhauka where he lives and farms.

Horses like Raksdeal, Rakarebel, Rakarazor and Rakarolla have been to the fore recently but there have been a number of 'Raks' or 'Rakas' over the past 30 years starting with the original Rakauhauka in 1985.

Over the years he's used the prefix in combination with his children's nick names, precious stones, cars, and the stallion's name to name his horses. Sometimes it takes a bit of working out!

The man behind all this is Brendan Fahy and he's been involved in harness racing for a long time as an owner, breeder and administrator.

His father was part of the Cead Mile Syndicate which raced the Canny Scott mare Royal Twinkle. She won five races for trainer Brian Gliddon and she ran fourth behind Ar Miss (dam of Armalight) in the 1972 New Zealand Oaks.

"I used to go to the races as a kid with Dad. My uncle, Bill Murphy lived opposite Andrew Sellars and later on I'd go to the races with Andrew with horses like Sassenach, Stampede and Zabadak. I actually named Zabadak," said Fahy.

His background is farming - although it's not as fulltime as it used to be. He's reduced the size of his property from 450 acres to 250 acres, selling some off to his children and running a few beef cattle with his horses. He also leases land to local growers who grow tulips and root vegetables.

"My accountant said it was a good thing to be doing."

Although he was interested in racing in the early days he soon became a keen breeding student and in 1979 he headed north, chequebook in pocket, to the Christchurch sales.

"I went up and bought Sentimental

Belle. It had to be by Lumber Dream out of a U Scott mare. There were four horses in the New Zealand Cup the previous year on that cross. She was only a wee dot. I thought I'd get her for a song but as it turned out she was the second highest filly of the day."

Once paid for, local transporter and former jockey Ronnie Weaver bought the filly to her new home in Southland.

"Ronnie carted her home. Dad was at home and didn't know I was having a decent old splurge at the sales. Ronnie got her out of the float and said to Dad – "it doesn't look much for ten grand does it!!" Dad nearly fell over backwards"

Sentimental Belle was trained by Hamish Hunter and started eleven times for a handful of placings. "She never won a race because she had a bad training accident."

She was soon at the court of popular stallion Smooth Fella and her first foal was name Rakauhauka. The beginning of the legacy.

"We got \$20,000 for him at the sales and he was sold to the Treuer brothers. I think that was one of the highest priced yearlings to come out of Southland at the time. The Aussie couldn't pronounce Rakauhauka so they changed it to Sentimental Fella."

He won 28 races in Australia.

Two years later Fahy bred what he potentially thinks was the best horse he's ever bred. She was by Admiral Halsey and named Rakamo.

"She was only a wee wee thing. Clark (Barron) was at Winton at the time and I gave him a half share to train her. We went to the workouts one day and she reared up at the start and fell over. He gave her a few days off and she came back and qualified really well."

She had her first start at Wyndham in March 1990 beating Diane Score by two lengths, running a mile in 2-02.6.

"Then Vinny Knight came over especially to drive her at the Winton trials and as a two year old filly she won the free for all. He bought her for \$50,000 for Pacers Australia. She went to Melbourne. At her first start (at Moonee

Valley) she raced the best fillies. I think they had a hell of a punt on her. She led and at the quarter she was only a length ahead but at the finish she was 25 metres in front. She also raced the colts and beat them. She had the most potential of all the horses I've bred."

Rakamo broke down as a young horse and ended up with Peter Walsh in Sydney.

"I met him at the sales one day – he said, "she wasn't very big mate but she was the best." She won a few races for him in Sydney."

She has also been successful as a broodmare leaving Hy Royale (Lotsa Clout) the winner of 20 races, \$263,564 and the 2009 Group Two Governors Cup at Gloucester Park, Confinement (Safely Kept) 14 wins and Sokyamo (Soky's Atom) 11 wins.

"Funnily enough Clark got an email from a fella in Aussie the other day wanting to know if there were any of her bred still around."

Fahy also had some success with Sentimental Belle's full sister Sentimental Reason whom he bought later.

"Stewart Somerville a long-time friend raced a horse called Armbro Wings. He was going to a presentation in Canterbury and couldn't get anyone to go with him so I went up with him. That night we meet these people who were selling a full sister to Sentimental Belle. There and then we bought Sentimental Reason. After we got her home they rang and said they were meaning to tell us that she was an RH mare. The first foal from her that Stuey and I bred was



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Bulluraz which was Clark Barron's first winner as an owner."

Bulluraz was trained by Ron Barron and owned by brothers Tony and Clark Barron.

Brendan later bred Blotch (Admiral Halsey) from Sentimental Reason.

"She has a great white patch on her stomach. She was a trotter and Stuey wasn't keen to carry on (with Sentimental Reason) so I bought him out. I tried to get her in foal up north but I couldn't so I brought her home. Andrew Sellars used to buy oats off me so I swapped a service fee to Stampede for a couple of tons of oats. So that's how we got Stands To Reason."

Another one of her daughters Blip (Oblivion II) qualified here before being exported to Australia. She won three races and left a couple of handy horses in Frame Game (Impressionist) which won 23 races including the listed 2005 Warangal Pacing Cup. Blip also left Deliverthegoods (Sealed N Delivered) 16 wins.

Over the years Fahy has prided himself of keeping up to date with the latest breeding trends and has spent hours looking through stud books and on the internet doing his background research.

"I still keep an eye on the radar (America). I knew every Lumber Dream in the stud book off by heart at one stage. Artsplace seems to be doing a similar job in America to what Lumber Dream was doing back then, so when I could get the semen to him I took it and that's how I bought Raksplace."

Later on when Western Ideal became available he jumped at the opportunity to cross him with Raksplace.

The resulting foal was Raksdeal who was a star racehorse but is now one of

Fahy's broodmares along with Raksplace (Artsplace – Rakamobile), Rakarach (Son of Afella – Sentimental Belle), Rakabaa (Western Terror - Rakarach), Rakarata (Art Major - Rakarach), Penny Gem (Artsplace – L'armour) and Rakaudi (Holmes Hanover – Rakamobile).

Like all breeders Fahy has experienced in recent times the unpredictability of the breeding cycle.

"I've got seven yearlings. All seven mares got in foal that year which is unusual. The next year I sent six mares away and got one in foal (Sombeachsomewhere filly out of Penny Gem) and then this year I sent all six to stud and the whole lot got in foal again."

Fahy is always on the lookout for the next best thing in the stallion ranks and two fresh faced 'boys' he's interested in are Shadyshark Hanover and Always A Virgin.

Shadyshark Hanover (Cam's Card Shark) served 15 mares in New Zealand and in America he's left 88 foals for 51 starters and 31 winners. He's currently third in the first season sires.

Always A Virgin (Western Ideal) sired Always B Miki which is the 2015 Breeders Crown Older Horse Pace Champion and Color's A Virgin the 2015 Breeders Crown Old Mare Pace Champion.

Fahy has a filly by Always A Virgin out of Coughin.

"If you start sending them all to Mach Three, Art Major or Bettor's Delight you can't keep going (as a breeder). If they don't work out (with a new stallion) it's not costing you an arm or a leg. I sent Penny Gem to American Ideal, Western Ideal, Rocknroll Hanover and Somebeachsomewhere. So I think she's had a good chance and rather than wait and not get her in foal I thought I'd send here to Shadyshark Hanover."

Like most New Zealand breeders he

has his opinion on why the industry in going through a tough time at the moment.

"We've heard for the last thirty years that we have to breed because there's going to be a shortage of horses. I think there is a shortage of racehorses. It's getting so expensive to race horses. I'm not blaming the trainers because you don't see many of them driving around in Mercedes do you. Everything has gone up except the stakes. I was looking at the stakes when Rakarach was racing in 1990 and she was racing for six and a half thousand then, that's twenty five years ago. The costs have probably gone up three fold."

He also says the export market isn't the same as it has been in the past especially for the horses at the lower end of the price range.

"Two or three years ago you could qualify a horse and there'd be three or four guys trying to buy it. You could flick that horse off for \$12,000 - \$15,000 because you may think you had a half-brother at home that's better. That keeps you going. But now you go to the races and run third in a maiden race and you're lucky to get anyone to buy it at all. If you're breeding horses all the time you need to be able to move them on. You get so many horses you'd need to own a station to run them."

Fahy says you don't have to breed horses if you don't want to.

"There's some real genuine people especially in Southland," and he says that's what's kept him going.

Over the years Fahy has built up a strong band of broodmares all originating from Sentimental Belle with the exception of Penny Gem. So there's plenty more Raks on the way.

Incidentally I haven't been the only visitor to Sentimental Lodge Rakauhouka in the past fortnight - the crew, cast and cars of Pork Pie had been on site filming in Brendan's sheep yards so here's what I'm thinking:

Rakaudi already has foals named after cars (Rakarover and Rakabeamer) so will Rakarup or Rakamini be the name of her next foal?

**Bruce Stewart** 



### Message from HRNZ; What we want from you the breeder!

Applications to register this season's foals were sent to the first named owner on our records around the start of December 2015.

To ensure your application is processed without further delay have you completed the following:

#### **FOAL DETAILS:**

Sex

Colour

Foaling date

Freeze Brand SYMBOLS as seen on the foal's neck.

White markings

#### **NAMES:**

A maximum of 20 characters in length (including spaces and apostrophes.)

The names of Mares & Sires with progeny cannot be reused regardless of age.

The names of horses that have won a race of 'any importance' cannot be reused regardless of age. With the exception of any horse that dies without having raced or had progeny there is a 20 year stand down for all other names. It is not possible to reserve a name.

However, you do not have to name your foal when you lodge your application. Provided the registration fee has been paid (see below) it can be named prior to its first official workout or trial without further cost. (It will however appear as 'unregistered' until that time.)

#### PAY \$150 REGISTRATION FEE:

Methods: \*Cash \*Cheque

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Please ensure the registration fee is paid by 1 June 2016 to avoid the imposition of late fees even if you don't have all of the details required on the form. These can be advised as they become available without further cost.

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# PRINCE HEADING TOWARDS ANOTHER JEWELS

In recording his tenth career victory (seventh at Alexandra Park), fourth this season and third in his past five starts, Changeover gelding Prince Of Pops staked his claim for a Jewels spot with a premier night victory at the Rowe Cup meeting.

The four-year old son of Changeover and Slangevar is raced by Scott Plant, Warwick Lightbourne and Alby Gain's wife Mrs Barbara Gain (breeders Plant Racing Ltd, WD Lightbourne), from the Papakura stable of Steve Telfar/Chris Garlick. Starting from the joint back mark (20m) and aided by a heady drive from Scott Phelan, Prince Of Pops looped the small field (four starters) a lap and a half out before dominating his rivals to win untouched by 11/4 lengths in a 2:03.7MR for the 2700m stand journey..

The speedy Prince Of Pops took his earnings to over \$100k (\$36k this season) to position himself inside the top 12 for a place in the NRM Asset 4yo Emerald Jewels (geldings and entire's) at Cambridge. Prince Of Pops has previously contested the Jewels as a two and three year old. He recorded a winning 1:57.5 mile time around the Cambridge Raceway circuit earlier this year. His career record currently stands at 40 starts: 10 wins and nine placings, \$101,410, 1:57.5.

Sire Changeover (29 wins, double millionaire, 1:53.4), a multiple group race winner including NZSS - 3, GN/NZ Derby, Taylor Mile, NZ Cup, Len Smith Mile, 3 & 5yo male Pacer of Year, sire of 76 NZ bred winning pacers/130 races, 16 AUS bred winners. These include Risk (Manawatu/Te Awamutu Cups, Holmes DG Pace), Nuala (WA Daintys Daughter Classic), Mister Lennox (Tasmanian Derby), Sudden Change (Tas Oaks, 1:52.1).



Prince of Pops with his regular pilot, Scotty Phelan

His dam Slangevar's (Cameleon/Lucky Chip) only success came at Cambridge in the first of her fifteen starts for trainer Brent Mangos (driven by Junior Driver Hayden Cullen, her then owner), \$6,583, 2:01.6MR. To date, she has left five foals, the first three are race winners:

- First Home (Bettors Delight gelding), 8 wins (6 Alex Park), \$82,649, 1:56.3, 4th Kumeu Stakes
- Cheers Kathy (Badlands Hanover filly), 2 NZ wins (both Alex Park), \$23,558, 2:00.7; non winner to date in Australia; career stakes \$26,391
- Prince Of Pops, as above

The two unraced foals are both American Ideal colts (2yo/yearling).

Prince of Pops grand dam Lucky Chip (Transport Chip/Luckyship) was unraced and dam of 14 live foals, seven raced for six winners including:

- Chipover (Holmes Hanover filly), 4 wins, dam of Waterhorse, 2 NZ/9 VIC wins, 1:55..0AUS
- Yachi Da (Holmes Hanover gelding), 3 NZ wins, 1:57.9/1:55.1US
- Mr Williams (Live Or Die gelding), 10 NZ wins (8 Alex Park), 1:56.7, \$125,248/1 AUS win, \$6,700, 2:04.5; 2nd Messenger, 3rd Elliott Futurity, 4th Taylor Mile
- Slangevar, as above
- Piper Heidsieck (Christian Cullen gelding), 7 NZ wins, \$61,928, 1:57.1/2 Menangle wins, 1:53.4; career stakes \$81,675; Nelson Winter Cup

Third dam Luckyship (Lordship/Lucky Chance), unraced dam of eleven live foals, 4 to race for three winners Including:

- Lucky Cavallo (Del Cavallo filly), 2
   NZ wins/2:01.0US
- Innluck (Clever Innocence filly), unraced, dam of :
- `s than Ordinary, 14 AUS wins, 2:00.3, 1:55.2US
- Jour De Chance (Plat du Jour gelding), 4 wins, 2:05.7, \$28,410, Wyndham Cup
- Lucky Chip, as above

Fourth dam Lucky Chance (Majestic Chance/Just Lucky), 2:02.8, \$16,660 won seven races including the Greymouth Cup from Henry Skinner's Southland stable and was a half sister to Lucky Boy (4yo Superstars) and Jans Chance (QLD Oaks). She left four foals for three to race and two to win - they included:

- Luckyship, as above
- Luckyship Two (Lordship filly), 4 wins, 2:04.0, \$17,925; dam of 4 winners including:

Rocket Ship (Clever Innocence gelding), 7 wins, \$41,065, 2:01.0, 3rd Southern Supremacy

Lucky Atom (Sokys Atom gelding), 5 wins all at five, 1:59.6, \$28,265

Second Avenue (New York Motoring filly), 4 NZ wins/1 AUS win, 2:01.2AUS, dam of four winners

- Just A Lord (Lordship gelding), 1 NZ win/1:58,3US

#### CONT.

Just Lucky was a Southland broodmare gem, leaving Lucky Chance, Lucky Boy, Jans Chance, Vendetta, Plain Lucky. She was bred by Invercargill vet Peter Williams, breeder of many foals descending from Just Lucky and family.

The family of Entice (N52) that Prince Of Pops belongs to boasts one of our champion pacers of recent times in Courage Under Fire (millionaire, 41 wins from 56 starts, 1:54.2, six Derbies - GN/ NZ, AUS/NSW/VIC/QLD, NZSS - 2/3c, SA Cup, AUS/QLD Pacing Championships, NZ 2/3/4yo Pacer of Year, AUS 3yo Pacer of Year; sire of Choise Achiever, Courage To Rule, Lancome, Lanercost, Motu Crusader, Pembrook Benny. Secret Potion, Sleepy Tripp, Smolda). In addition, other notable family performers include Interdominion Pacing Grand Final winner Vedette (NZFFA). Adios Dream (Welcome Stakes), Mac Destroyer (1:49.4US, Taylor Mile), Advance Attack/Cyclone Prince (Cardigan Bay Stakes), Jans Chance (QLD Oaks), current 2yo filly Delightful Memphis and trotters Sundons Way (Bill Collins/Ashburton Trotters Mile, 2 ID heats), Idid It Myway (T1:56.6), Christine Maree (Aust Trotting C/S), Our Dolly Would (NSW/SA Trotters Oaks), Alley Way.

#### **Peter Craig**

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