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## FROM THE LOVE OF BREEDING AND RACING COMES SATISFACTION

Just when he thought he wasn't going to make his mark as a breeder, Dennis Mullally can now sit back with some satisfaction as he watches Snow Raker do the business - almost the length of the country away.

The Alexandra-based 47-year-old has loved harness racing all of his life and in 2005 he decided to buy a pacer with his Roxburgh mate Harry Brensell. They raced that filly named Flamingo Queen with Geoff Knight, who is also based at Roxburgh.

"Flamingo Queen was originally passed in at the Karaka Yearling Sales but Gordy Lee sold it to us for about \$10,000. Even though she went 1:56 at Ashburton one day, and she was often a beaten favourite, but she never made it as a race-horse, so we retired her without a win (seven placings from 28 starts) in March 2006," Mullally said.

The Presidential Ball mare's only son and only winner, Snow Raker notched up his second victory in 24 starts at Alexandra Park on 26 August. He has also placed eight times.

Snow Raker got back early but when Jay Abernethy took the 5-year-old gelding to the lead just before the bell

the race thereafter was for second.

He paced the 2200m mobile in 2:46.8 (mile rate 2:01.9) and the win followed up his other Alexandra Park victory over the same distance (2:43.1) in February.

"Going to Auckland has been the making of him. He ran second in his last South island start at Invercargill in August last year and then he was claimed and is now with Adrienne Matthews in Pukekohe," Mullally said.

Snow Raker, who is by Gotta Go Cullen, was the \$1.80 favourite on Friday and won convincingly by two-and-a-quarter lengths.

He is the second of three foals out of Flamingo Queen. Foal numbers one and three never made it to the races. They were the now 7-year-old Jereme's Jet mare Flamingo Princess and 4-year-old Shark Gesture mare, Queen Shark.

"We sacked them both because they weren't any good. The mare missed to Gotta Go Collect and then Just Le Lievre did a deal for us and we took her to Gotta Go Cullen. Snow Raker was the result," said Mullally who is a Central Otago stock agent.

Snow Raker was actually bred by Mullally and Brensell and their wives, Sally and Prue respectively.

"Geoff always thought he would improve as he got older and the way he won the other night was impressive. He's five now and really starting to mature as a racehorse," said Mullally.

"We love harness racing. I've always gone to the races and Snow Raker has been the best we have bred so far," he added.

The Mullallys and the Brensells are excited about a Betterthancheddar - Badlands Hanna 2-year-old colt named Hanna's Destiny whom they bred and own.

"He's a nice black colt and he's been broken in. We have got high hopes for him," said Mullally.

The quartet owned and raced Badlands Hanna (Badlands Hanover - Last Hanna). She won one race and has left four foals, including her only winner - Hanna's Boy (by Bettor's Delight). She was served by Changeover last November.

**Duane Ranger**



## STANDARD BRED TV SHOW

The first three episodes have been shown on Trackside 1. Tuesday's show was titled "Colonial Forces: Christina Cullen and Others to follow Him?"

We are thrilled with the positive response to this initiative which is supported by the industry. Over 50,000 people opened the link to the series preview on Facebook and 100s are watching each episode on YouTube and via the Facebook link.

There are three more shows in this series. A further six shows in Series two will start in February.

These are the links to the first three in

the series:

Episode 1: Clare & Sam Langrope:  
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Episode 3: Colonial Forces:  
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**Brad Reid,**  
Executive Manager

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### Haras Des Trotteurs North Island Trotting Oaks

#### NEW \$25,000 RACE FOR 3YO TROTING FILLIES

Responding to feedback from trotting owners and breeders The Breeders Club approached the Auckland Trotting Club to establish a 3YO fillies trotting feature in the north.

We are pleased to announce, with ATC and Haras Des Trotteurs, the inaugural North Island Trotting Oaks!!!

The race will be run on Friday 5th May 2016. The preceding two Fridays premier meetings form part of the autumn trotting carnival. It is hoped that with a number of southern trainers up for these meetings the added attraction of the \$25,000 Oaks on the following week may provide an incentive for them to bring up 3YO fillies as well.

The timing in early May ensures that the stakes monies will go towards Jewels eligibility. The distance of the race and whether a stand or a mobile is under discussion.

Thanks to all involved in getting this race off the ground.

**Brad Reid,**  
Executive Manager

## ANTS KNOWLER

At 22 Antony Knowler is about to fulfill a burning ambition to breed a standardbred.

At that age he just might be one of New Zealand's youngest breeders

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but don't be fooled by the fact that his birth certificate says 1993. Knowler is a harness racing fanatic and has trotting knowledge pouring out of his ears.

He's also a proud Southlander, but even prouder to be from Edendale.

"That's where champions like Cardigan Bay and Young Quinn are from. I want to make my mark in harness racing and breeding seems to be the only affordable option for a young fella like me wanting to start out. It's a sport I have loved for a long time," Knowler said.

But Knowler's thirst for breeding came two years ago when he went to the New Zealand Premier Yearling Sales in Christchurch.

"I instantly got the bug and thought the best way to get into the game was through breeding. And now a couple of years later I'm about to enter the breeding ranks thanks to Robert," said Knowler.

Robert is Robert Tapp, the owner of provocative that offered Knowler the 7-year-old Grinfromeartoe mare to breed from.

"I had been looking since January and Robert actually offered me two to choose from. She is out of the champion Dragon's Lair mare World Class.

"Both were champion racehorses and I don't think there would be many, if any standardbreds in New Zealand so closely related to Dragon's Lair. I'm really excited about my first venture into breeding. The filly or colt will be of some value I'm sure," Knowler said.

He said he took a lot of advice before selecting Sir Lincoln as his sire.

"I listened to a lot of people and I did my homework. From all accounts Sir Lincoln foals are clean gaited and are working well towards their 2-year-old debuts later in the season.

"Bruce Negus said he had two clean gaited Sir Lincoln's out of knee knocking mares. That tells someone like me a hell of a lot. I respect what the Canterbury trainers have to say.

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"Sir Lincoln is also economical and even though he might be untried at stud, you have to remember he is a machine three and breed on the same cross as somebeachsomewere" Knowler said.

"You can't forget what Sir Lincoln did on the racetrack either. He's a former Auckland Cup winner who won 21 races from 51 starts and another 15 times and won more than \$600,000 in stakes. He also beat my favourite pacer, Terror To Love fair and square in a hot field at Auckland the night he won the Auckland cup," he added.

Provocative has left a 2-year-old Attorney General gelding for Tapp. Knowler is praying that her second foal will be a filly.

"If it is a filly I will race her in the South Island with the aim of getting some black type back into the family, then breed from her and she will ultimately be my foundation mare.

"If it's a colt he will go through the ring at the 2019 Australasian Classic yearling Sale at Karaka," Invercargill born and Verdon College educated Knowler said.

He said Provocative was currently grazing in lush pastures at Matamata,

"That is where she will stay. I only have one lease cycle at this stage but hopefully I will come to some arrangement with Robert about possibly more.

"All I want to do is get involved in our great game, and if it inspires other young breeders that would be so great for the game, especially when we know breeding numbers are way down," Knowler said.

"I want to do my bit and eventually grow my passion into a profitable and enjoyable breeding and racing business one day," he added.

**Duane Ranger**

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Ants Knowler

# BREEDER'S AWARDS GO TO GREAT INDUSTRY AMBASSADORS



Ford and Tomlinsons accepted the Award of Trotting Breeders of the Year

The Canterbury Breeders' Association (in association with the Owners' Association and the Horsemens' Association) presented four breeding related awards to numerous deserving recipients at the joint function with the Owners' Association and the Horsemens' Association.

The award for Trotting Breeders of the Year went to the Ford/Tomlinson family for their wonderful success this year. Trainer Ken Ford with the help of his son Clint and daughter Amanda Tomlinson picked up 20 wins and placed 16 times in what was a record season for the family, nearly doubling their success from other years.

The remarkable achievement here however is that the 20 winners were all trotters and even better they were all bred by the Ford/Tomlinson family. All winners were also driven by Clint, Amanda or Amanda's daughter Sheree.

The five horses to win races for the family were Little Mo, Amaretto Sun, Soney Beatt, Zachary Binx and Marcoola. Marcoola is out of Arabess which is a half-sister to Amaretto Sun. The mare is currently in foal to Trixton while Zsa Zsa who is Zachary Binx's mum is in foal to Majestic Son. The Ford/Tomlinson family have had a very memorable season and are looking to continue that

on this season with three wins on the board already.

Trotting Broodmare of the Year was taken out by Diedre Darling which is owned by Greg and Nina Hope. The 15-year-old is of course the mother to our top trotter and Horse of The Year, Monbet.

Diedre Darling, purchased out of the Harness Weekly by Greg because of her family background, first left Donaldson by Earl who did a stellar job for the Hopes winning seven races and placing 23 times. The ever consistent gelding was exported to Australia with a career record of 10 wins and 27 placings.

She then left McConway by Thanksgiving which won two races and placed three times.

Her third foal was her most lethal however - Monbet, a five-year-old gelding by Love You which has now won 20 races and placed five times, winning his last nine starts in New Zealand.

Monbet who got his name from Greg and Nina's son's names, 'Ben' and 'Tom' has set up a very valuable name for his mother and plenty of promise for future offspring.

Diedre Darling has a yearling colt by Muscle Hill and is in foal to Love You again in the hope that she can produce another star such as Monbet.



Canterbury Trotting Broodmare; Deidre Darling collected by Ben Hope for his parents Nina and Greg



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The Pacing Broodmare of the Year went to Hyde Park Royal a 20-year-old mare who has left four winners, her most prominent being Piccadilly Princess by Bettor's Delight which has won nine races and placed five times in her short career to date.

Hyde Park Royal has also left The Royal Garden, a Mach Three who has won seven races and placed five times.

Piccadilly Princess won the Northern Oaks in March earlier this year, preceded by the Victoria Oaks and also won the Jewels Three-year-old Diamond three months.

Hyde Park Royal has three babies that are still to make an appearance at the races.

One of them, Spondulicks is a three-year-old gelding by Bettor's Delight, a full brother to Piccadilly Princess which has had one outing at the workouts. The next is a 2YO full sister to Piccadilly Princess. The third one is a yearling by Art Major named Kensington Bill.

With three offspring still to step out we can almost be assured that one of them will make the same sort of impression as their older sister.

The Pacing Breeders of the Year award went to Hamish Scott and Kim Lawson.



Tom Patterson, accepting for the breeders of Broodmare of the Year Hyde Park Royal



Hamish Scott and Kim Lawson with Mark McNamara accepting Pacing breeders of the year

Well-deserved recipients of the award Scott spoke on behalf of them both as he modestly received the award. For Scott it all started when he went to Riccarton Racecourse to watch the gallops, he then moved to Dunedin for university so he would head to Forbury Park each week to watch the trots. He has now reached 100 wins as a breeder and he puts it down to hard work and being able to stick it out. "It's all about perseverance," Scott says.

At this stage Scott and Lawson are all about their 'Kiwi breed.' "We mainly focus around our "Kiwi" breed, the first horse we bred from was Kiwi Express who was the dam of Kiwi Ingenuity." Kiwi Express has left five winners.

All of the award winners were thoroughly deserving of their awards and are all great advocates for our industry.

## DUEL CODE GREAT: BRIAN ANDERTON

Mosgiel 'Galloping Hall-Of-Famer', Brian Anderton (ONZM), is also a standardbred breeder of some repute.

The 79-year-old North Taieri identity bred his latest winner at Alexandra Park recently when the Barry Purdon trained and Zac Butcher driven New Years Jay notched up her eighth career win in the \$14,000 Reesby C4-C8 Pace. He was the \$1.90 favourite.

"I watched the race and was very proud. I bred the mare with my late mate and fellow jockey Mouse (Brian) Kennedy, who used to ride over the fences for me. Sadly he passed away about three years ago. His wife Sandra never misses her race. She's a huge fan of the horse.

"I've always liked trotters. I started to get involved around the time of the Forbury (Park) Interdominions in 1965. Since then I've bred four generations from New Year Jay's family," Anderton said.

"Our breed goes back to the 1951 grey Great Blaze mare, Blue Jay, who was owned by Mouse's father, Jack," he added.

Blue Jay is New Year Jay's great, great grand dam. Her daughter - the 1971 Lordship mare Jayship was bred by Anderton and Kennedy.

"My father (Hector) raced a horse at the Forbury Interdominions and it was about then that Jack had a grey mare, which he said we could lend for breeding purposes. That was Blue Jay and then thanks to Mr Don Nyan I was able to have her served by Lordship," Anderton said.

JayShip left Red Jay whose first foal was the 1985 Nero's BB entire Nero's Jay. Anderton said that entire was the best standardized he had bred.

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"Nero's Jay won two out of three for me and then won 18 for Greg Brodie in Australia. He then went to North America where he retired the winner of 86 races. That is one standardized I am very proud of," Anderton said.

Jay's Glen won one race for Denis Nyan before being retired to stud duties in January 1999.

She died in January 2014 but prior to that she left nine foals before missing to Washington VC just before her death.

New Years Jay (by Washington V C) is out of Jay's Glen - who was a younger (1992) Royden Glen brother to Nero's Jay. She is the seventh of nine foals out of Nero's Jay - and most successful having banked \$67,405 in stakes.

Foal six - Courageous Jay (by Courage Under Fire) won seven races and almost \$50,000, while foals one - Apache Jay and foal five - Bronze Jay, who were both by Live Or Die, won three races each.

New Year Jay's dam has also has also left a 3-year-old Bettor's Delight filly, who is in work with Amanda Hoffman at Waikouaiti.

Her 5-year-old Klondike Kid mare, Mousey Jay, only raced once and was served for the first time by Washington V C in November.

"I still own them all with Mouse's estate. The 3-year-old filly qualified at Invercargill in May and isn't far away from the races.

"As for New Years Jay, she's nine now and I'll probably race her for part of the season and then put her to Bettor's Delight. In saying that Barry (Purdon) calls all the shots with the horse, he is the master," Anderton said.

If anyone's the master then it's Anderton!

He has prepared more than 1400 galloping winners, is a former successful jockey and a highly regarded studmaster, trainer, owner and administrator. He was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in the New Year Honours list announced on December 31 last year.



New Years Jay (9 m Washington VC - Jay's Glen) winning the 2015 Prodigal Seelster Speed Final in 1.54.6

His Investiture Ceremony was held in Wellington on April 12.

Anderton was also bestowed with an 'Outstanding Contribution to Racing Award' in 1993 and in 2012 he was inducted into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame in 2012.

"Horses have been my life and I've been blessed with some wonderful successes in breeding and racing. My son Shane and daughter Karen have also been mainstays in our racing and breeding operation. Now the next generation are stepping up, and that's very satisfying."

Anderton followed his successful riding career as the founder of White Robe Lodge and as a trainer. The stud, named after his first winner as a 13-year-old apprentice jockey in 1950, became home to the champion stallions Mellay and Noble Bijou and remains a major source of winners under the management of Anderton's daughter and son-in-law Karen and Wayne Stewart.

As a trainer Anderton has prepared numerous Group winners including seven national steeplechase or hurdle titles.

"I have been lucky with Mum and Dad (Hector and Alice) and uncles in the business. I married a good woman (Lorraine) and have a great family. Without them I would not have been able to achieve what I have," Anderton said.

Anderton first rode in races at the age of 13 and he had his first win at that age on White Robe at Wyndham in 1950. He rode the great winter galloper Kumai in 27 of his 34 wins. He has tutored numerous jockeys as apprentices and as former riding master of the Otago apprentice school.

Anderton established his stud in 1956, near Wingatui and expanded to his present facility in 1981. He has stood the champion sires for New Zealand in Mellay (twice) and Noble Bijou (four times). Both made their mark in Australia.

He had his first training win in 1967 and has since amassed 1422 wins, with his son, Shane, a partner since the 1993-94 season. His wins include the Group I NZ Two Thousand Guineas with Random Chance and the 1973 New Zealand Cup with Watallan.

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Brian Anderton with the 2015 Grand National Steeplechase Trophy won by High Forty

Anderton has been a member of the committee of the Otago Racing Club for many years and a former president. He is a life member. He has served at branch and national level on the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' committees.

"Of course I'm a galloping man, but I'm horses through and through. I've loved trotters for as long as I can remember and will continue to breed from the family and enjoy them as long as I possibly can," the well-respected dual-coder said.

**Duane Ranger**

## NORTH ISLAND AWARDS

Charles Roberts has turned Woodlands Stud into a 'world leader' and it's only natural that a stud farm of that quality keeps on winning major honours at

New Zealand harness racing awards ceremonies.

That's the opinion of the North Island Standardbred Breeders Association's Acting President, Cathie Shaw.

After bagging numerous national awards Mr Roberts and his Clevedon-based farm, have again cleaned up at the annual North Island Awards.

The A Rocknroll Hanover-sponsored North Island Harness Racing Awards were held at Alexandra Park on September 3.

Twenty two awards were up for grabs at the annual function but it was Roberts and Woodlands Stud that won the major breeding prizes.

They cleaned up the NISBA Breeder award and Mr Roberts' champion mare, Scuse Me nailed the Broodmare award; while the stallion they stand – Bettor's Delight was named Stallion-of-the-Year.

"My personal highlight was the TV presentation to John and Colleen Butcher for their 'Outstanding Contribution to Racing' award. They bred some nice horses over the years.

"But breeding-wise it was Charles and Woodlands Stud that cleaned up. I'm rapt for Charles because Woodlands Stud has come a long way – all because of Charles' commitment and dedication over a very long time," Shaw said.

Cathie said the stud farm was now a world leader, right up there with the best in North America and Europe.

"They are breeding from the best stallions and broodmares and are getting more owners into breeding syndicates like they do overseas. Stonewall Stud and Breckon Farms are following suit. The Jewels and Breeders Crown winner Partyon is proof of this," Shaw said.

She said the fact that Charles and Andrew Grierson were both veterinarians helped the Stud immensely.

"Charles was a pioneer in AI (artificial insemination) breeding for both cows and horses. That was ground-breaking

because thoroughbreds still don't do that. It's also meant New Zealand has been able to offer a wider range of stallions," the Cambridge-based administrator said.

Asked to comment on both Scuse Me and Bettor's Delight's wins at the North Island Awards, Shaw said:

"Everyone would love to own Scuse Me. She is wonderful and every breeder's dream. Charles spent a lifetime to get the awards he has with this mare. It shows that good things take time. This has been a career of getting the mixture right and now Charles is enjoying most amazing time with Scuse Me and Splendid Dreams. Charles has shown that with time and patience the money will come if you put work in.

"As for Bettors Delight, well he's the sire of the moment and has been for a few seasons now. I think he will be the next big broodmare sire. They are leaving big, strong and good sized fillies and colts and all they can all run and they can breed. I'm sure he will be our next Broodmare Sire of the Year," Shaw said.

"We need more breeders and there are some amazing stallions and mares to call on in New Zealand," she added.

The fill list of winners were:

- Auckland Harness Trust Premier Cadet Award: Mark Johnson;
- Dunstan Amateur Driver: Cheree Wigg;
- Premier Horse Transport Groom: Nathan Delany;
- Magness Video Ltd / Vid - Com Ltd Licence to train/owner-trainer: Tim Vince;
- Mitavite Junior Driver: Kyle Marshall;
- PGGW 2 year old colt or gelding: Vasari;
- PGGW 2 year old filly: Partyon;
- Breckon Farms 2 year old Trotter: Heavyweight Hero;
- Breckon Farms 3 year old Trotter; Temporale;
- Crombie Lockwood Bloodstock 3 year old colt: Shandale;
- Crombie Lockwood Bloodstock 3 year old filly: Arden's Choice;
- Merv and Meg Butterworth Female Racing Accomplishment Award: Lyn Neal;

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- Garrards Horse and Hound Owners: Stonewall Stud;
- Caduceus Club Filly/Mare: Dream About Me.
- NISBA Breeder: Woodlands Stud;
- IRT Driver: Josh Dickie;
- Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Trainer: Steve Telfer and Chris Garlick;
- Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Broodmare: Scuse Me;
- Woodlands Stud Stallion: Bettor's Delight.
- HRNZ Trotter of the Year Speeding Spur;
- Auckland Trotting Club Pacer: Have Faith In Me.
- Sir Lincoln at Lincoln Farms Racing Achievement Award: Luk Chin.
- A Rocknroll Dance Alabar/Nevele R Stud Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing: John and Colleen Butcher.



Mr Mojito (4 g Real Desire - Wanaka Bay)  
Addington 5 August '16 with Natalie Rasmussen

## Duane Ranger

# PLENTY OF SMILES AT GRINALDI

There are few Southlanders more passionate about their horses than Ben and Karen Calder.

They breed from a small band of broodmares, and often top up their racing stock by purchasing at the national sales.

And it's one of their homebred pacers, Mr Mojito that's providing them with much satisfaction at the moment.

Ben Calder is a no fuss sort of guy who shies away from the limelight and just goes about breeding and purchasing horses whilst enjoying racing them either with his wife Karen and good friends and family.

The first horse the Calders raced of any note was Grinaldi the winner of

ten races, and \$162,712. They also owned Sunning which won eight races including the Group One Victorian Trotters Oaks, Bought In The Pub, New Zealand Kindergarten Stakes winner, and The Oyster Man which won five races. And there have been a host of others.

Ben and Karen live at Ryal Bush 10 minutes north of Invercargill where they've set up their show piece property Grinaldi Lodge. Southland's leading trainer Nathan Williamson currently works out of their stable.

The latest Grinaldi Lodge horse to emerge from the same bloodlines as Grinaldi is Mr Mojito; a rising star in the Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen stable.

Mr Mojito was always highly rated by Ben and original trainer Brett Gray. He won a workout then qualified at Young Quinn Raceway in January 2015 as a two year winning by four lengths and running a mile in 1-59.5. He was purchased that day by Butterworth Racing Syndicate.

He was put aside to mature, and his much anticipated debut came later in the year on the same course in November. Sent out third favourite,

he settled last and never improved, to finish over 200 lengths from the winner. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination which confirmed the gelding had suffered an atrial fibrillation.

He returned to racing in April this year, winning easily at Central Southland Raceway. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to the Purdon-Rasmussen's Rolleston stable.

Since joining that stable he's been in hot form running second behind the highly talented Heaven's Rock before putting a picket form line together of four impressive wins.

"He appears to have the X factor. He's looked super and going forward in richer comp any he says to me that he can do it," said Ben.

He was bred by the Calders out of their In The Pocket mare Wanaka Bay.

"All of the In the Pocket mares had a bad attitude. Wanaka Bay was trained by Becky (Alan Beck). She lay down on the track after one of her early workouts but won her first race."

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The Calders also have a two year old half-brother to Mr Mojito by American Ideal but had the misfortune to lose a Bettor's Delight foal recently.

"It was slipped in the paddock and was about seven weeks premature."

Sunning has also been a good broodmare for the Calders with only one of her seven live foals of racing age not winning races.

She's left Burano (10 wins), Medora (3 wins), Sunny Vacation (5 wins), No Potato (5 wins), Santorini Sunset (5 wins) and Agnes Brown (2 wins). Her two year old Breaking Bad (by Angus Hall) is about to come back into work with Kevin Townley.

As well as breeding from a handful of mares Ben was active at the last round of yearling sales purchasing six yearlings, all with rich pedigrees.

Paramount King (Love You – Paramount Star) is with northern training partnership John and Josh Dickie who share in the ownership of the colt. His dam won seven races and is the mother of Paramount Geegee the winner of fourteen races including the Harness Jewels Three Year Old Trotting Ruby, Great Northern Trotting Derby and New Zealand Trotting Derby and \$357,236, and Paramount Queen which won eight races and \$122,612. It's a family that the Dickie's have had a huge amount of success with.

They also have a Betterthancheddar – Baptism of Fire colt which is a half-brother to Highview Tommy the winner of fifteen races and \$885,062.

"He's broken in nicely and shows a bit. They like him."

Other stock in the north for the Calders includes a two year old Art Major – Gretna's Best colt who's with Brent Mangos. Named Bronco Banner he's closely related to Smooth Gretna the winner of fifteen races.

"He also broke in nice."

Another sales purchase is Nuburgling (Bettor's Delight – Cullen's Creation)

"He's trained by Kevin Townley and is

related to Courage Under Fire. He got an infection in his tendon sheath and is coming home to heal."

Townley a long time trainer and friend of the Calders also trains another yearling purchase Swoon (Monarchy – Hot Vacation).

"His second dam is the mother of Sheemon and Karen and I have a half share in him with Kevin and Margaret Townley. We may have to change his name."

Robinson Crusoe (Somebeachsomewhere – Asabella) was also bought by Grinaldi Lodge at the sales. This is the mare's seventh foal and she's the dam of four winners including Ohoka's Bondy (22 West Australian wins), Dancing Diamonds (9 wins and \$343,276) and Code Red (12 wins).

"He's trained by Brad Mowbray who shares in the ownership with his wife Mel and was strong minded and difficult to break in. He was big but so was Brad. He was put out for a spell and he's come back as a true gentleman. I've tried to breed a Somebeachsomewhere a couple of times but didn't have much luck so it's nice to have one."

Outside of their sales purchases this year the Calders have plenty of other horses ready to hit the racetracks.

Ash is a three year old Ben is looking forward to getting to the races. He's by The Pres out of Tamarix and is a half-brother to Larix, Given and Larch. His four dam Haakondahl is the mother of Sapling (22 wins including the Great Northern Pacing Derby).

"We've had to wait on him as he's gone through a growing spurt."

Another trotter on the books is a Muscles Yankee colt out of Classic Armbr - a daughter of the great Merinai. Named Sertorius he's also on the books of John and Josh Dickie.

Tour Director an Art Major gelding out of Bremner Bay who won once from five starts is also back on the active list.

"He's stranded a tendon and is being worked up at Nathan's."

Foo Fighter, an American Ideal gelding out of Lucy's Way (which is a full sister to Wanaka Bay the dam of Mr Mojito), qualified at Wyndham as a two year old. He's owned by Juliette Earl, Karen Calder, Katie Williamson, Neville Cleaver, Kevin Strong, Sid Slee, Robyn Jones and Alan Jones. His first start is eagerly awaited as he qualified well.

He's a half-brother to Treble Cone which won impressively at her first start when trained by John Earl. She had two other starts before heading to the broodmares paddock. She has a nice American Ideal colt called You Too which is owned by the Calders and Earls.

So between homebred stock and young horses purchased at the sales Ben and Karen Calder have plenty to watch this season.

And hopefully plenty more pleasurable moments to share with friends and family without too much fuss, which is just the way they like it.

**Bruce Stewart**

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## A SCOT, A KIWI, A PUB DEAL & KENNY DALGLISH

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Two stallions that are relatively new to the New Zealand breeding industry have started the season with a bang and have been credited with their first winners on our shores.

Dali (2004 12 B h Real Artist - Armbr Tea) was made available to NZ breeders for the 2012/13 season via Jonathan McNeil and Barra Equine. He stood in the flesh for a stud fee of \$3750.

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Dali served 31 mares in New Zealand resulting in 25 foals which as on 1st of August all turned three.

Five of his progeny have qualified with two of them having greeted the starter.

The promising (EI) Barcelona (2013 3 B g Dali(USA) - Karis) was last year sold out of the Gavin Smith stable after qualifying impressively. He has gone on to do a good job in Western Australia thus far winning 3 and gaining another 3 placings from just 7 starts.

Dali's first NZ winner came last Friday night when the beautifully bred Gotta Go Dali Queen saluted the judge impressively on debut at Alexandra Park.

The Sue Martin colours were proudly on display in the winner's circle where as a breeder, owner and trainer Sue has experienced some incredible success. A daughter of Group 1 winning mare Gotta Go Harmony who herself is a daughter of champion race mare Elect to Live, Gotta Go Dali Queen was always bred to be good!

As a racehorse, Dali was trained by the now All Stars stable foreman, Duane Marfisi who remembers the horse fondly.

"He was a very fast horse and a good keeper. He just ran into a strong crop! When I first started working him I thought I had the best 2-year-old in the country. He still holds the record for the fastest 2-year-old debut back home", said Marfisi.

He won his first lifetime start in 1:51.3 at Mohawk Racetrack to become the fastest first start two-year-old ever winning by six lengths with a last quarter of 27.4.

Dali had ten starts as a two-year-old for five wins and three seconds for \$459,482 in stakes and was clearly a very fast two-year-old.

In the final of the \$249,113 Matron Stakes held on a very cold night in December at Dover Downs, Dali became a world champion and destroyed the world record for a three-year-old on a five-eighths track in 1:48.2.



Frances Jay Bee (Pointer Hanover - Lady Afton) winning 3200m Ashburton October 1996 with a youthful Phil Williamson

Throughout his time on the track Dali only once paced a winning mile in slower than 1:51.3 in 21 wins and in doing so beat some of the best of his era including millionaires plus Art Official, Santanna Blue Chip and Bettor Sweet etc. However he could never get the measure of Somebeachsomewhere having run third to him in his world record 1:46.4 mile.

On paper he looked an interesting prospect having the Direct Scooter blood so potent on our shores through his Matt's Scooter dam, Armbr Tea.

His sire, Real Artist, was no slouch amassing \$424,947 in a brief career.

Outside of the Tony Dickinson imported broodmare Samantha Q, there are no progeny in New Zealand by Real Artist who himself is an Artsplace sire with an incredible maternal line. Bee Pears did a great series covering the impact 'Romola' line of broodmares. Romola Hanover (which features as the 3rd dam of Real Artist) has had an enormous impact on harness racing globally as a broodmare with her descendants including many top pacers and now stallions familiar to NZ Breeders.

These include the likes of Panspacificflight, Art Major, Perfect Art and now Captaintreacherous.

How he came to stand in New Zealand is another story in itself and may go

some way into explaining his relative lack of support at stud. The Australian stud meant to stand Dali decided they had no idea he was coming. With Dali in quarantine in New Zealand, a call was put to Jonathan McNeill of Barra Equine who had seen the horse in the flesh in America.

"He was a nice strong horse with a fantastic pedigree who looked like he would provide a nice outcross option. He just never got the numbers to be viable."

"He arrived late in the season and that never gave us the opportunity to market him how we would have liked."

The other Stallion to get off the mark is the striking son of Western Hanover in Well Said. Given his race career, blue blood pedigree and the fact he is already established as a champion sire in North America, he might well be one of the more overlooked stallions in Australasia.

With 57 live foals of which his oldest progeny are three, many breeders will be watching in anticipation as more of his stock start to hit the track. From his first three crops, the lack of support was always going to translate to slow success.

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Afterdinner speaker saluted the judge on debut after impressively putting away a tidy field of maidens at Addington last month.

Out of the excellent Presidential Ball mare, Luckisaladytonight, like Gotta Go Dali Queen, the breeding is most definitely there.

While Well Said was well represented in most of the age group classics from his first two crops, the one misgiving some breeders held was could he produce that dominant youngster that everyone is looking for.

Well, Control The Moment 1:49.4 (\$461,457) from his third crop put that doubt to bed in emphatic fashion at two last season, dominating the division in a manner that we hadn't seen for several years.

His win in the Metro Pace in 1:49.4 was one right out of the box as he destroyed a quality field by lengths and has gone on as three-year-old winning the Meadowlands Pace by a nose this season in 1:48.2

With a number of well-bred youngsters to come through the ranks in New Zealand, including a half-brother to Terror to Love, don't be surprised to see both of these Stallions well represented throughout the 2016/17 season.

## Duane Ranger

# IT'S THE BREEDERS THAT COUNT

## A roadie to recognise the harness family on the Coast

On a lovely spring day Brad and I set out across the Canterbury Plains for Kumara to meet some of the folks in Heartland New Zealand who believe passionately in racing (harness and thoroughbred) and standardbred breeding in particular.

About 30 years ago the racing people of West Coast and Buller decided to hold a simple combined annual racing awards event. The function journeys around the clubs and this year the Kumara Racing Club were the hosts at the iconic Theatre Royal Hotel, Kumara.

Since joining The Breeders in November last year Brad has pushed for a greater focus towards the smaller breeders. He constantly reminds me that the 'big guys' take care of themselves in terms of recognition and rewards. Through the Breeders Weekly we have been focussing our stories on the people who bred one or two mares a year. The battlers. Often these people who are heavily impacted by cost increases. A single bad year or a major disappointment, and bang, breeding is all over. These are the people we have lost to standardbred breeding in the last decade.

The top 15 breeders, although the names may have changed, are breeding the same number of mares as 20 years ago. It's the little people who have packed up and moved on.

Over coffee at Spectators one morning I asked Brad how can we do something to show we The Breeders care about all breeders, especially those in the remote non-main centre parts of the country. Every contribution counts. The conversation was triggered after several bits and pieces of information were spat out of great HRNZ's Infohorse system under the guidance of John Toohey and his wonderful team.

Firstly, we have about 3200 names on breeding certificates but in reality there are only 1250 individual breeding entities. If we look more closely and eliminate dual identities in that number



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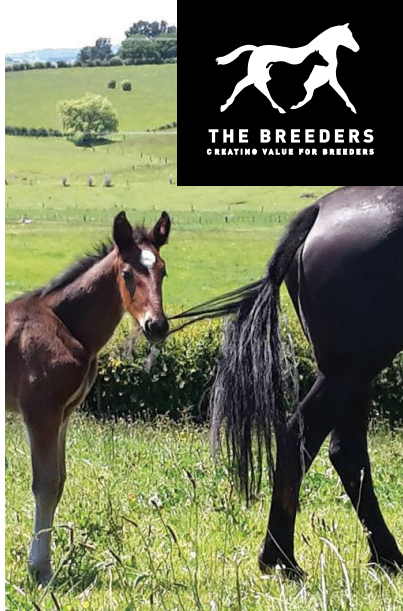


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## THE BREEDERS' FOAL ALERT SERVICE

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there are less than 1,000 people making the breeding decisions - we are a cottage industry.

Secondly we looked over the mailing list for the 2016 Sires Register. It was sorted by post code for households of licence holders, placed owners in group races and those who bred a mare in the last two seasons. We had 2150 unique household addresses. Not surprisingly 612 addresses from Amberley to Ashburton, 300 South and 154 for the Waikato.

But the little guys: Kerikeri, three breeders; Tauranga, the Mount & Papamoa seven breeders, Taranaki 23 breeders from Patea to New Plymouth, Foxton/Bulls five lonely souls, West Coast and Buller nine breeders, Milton three, Alexandra and Cromwell 14 .... by now you get my drift. We have small groups of harness folks everywhere. It is often tough for these people to participate in the man centre functions, but they are still part of the family. Our challenge is to look after our small family of breeders.

After the recent snows that closed Arthur's Pass the crossing of the Alp was majestic. Crystal clear skies, patches of rusty icy snow in the lee of the hills and mounds, people heading to Porters, Olympus and places to ski and walk, plus the 250 motor scooter peeps returning from their NZ Cancer Society fund raising venture the previous day.

The Theatre Royal was our destination. Our audience was the nine breeders who in the last two years supported our

sport in the West Coast Buller, where a lot of racing has died. Yes there are the signature events such as The Nuggets and the Christmas trotting circuit, but for the locals the rest of the year is tough and lonely.

I struck me deeply that these thoroughbred and harness people are the true believers. They are community and club people. How deep must be their passion for them to bred these beautiful animals, spend their dollars just as those of us more centrally located do, and more importantly give their time when to enjoy the benefits and thrills of takes such a great effort. The tyranny of distance and isolation must sometimes knock even those most enthusiastic.

The Kumara Racing Club was a grand host, why would be expect anything different from the Coasters? The Theatre Royal deservedly has been

the winner of three recent Hospitality NZ Awards for Excellence. Highly recommended to dine and stay.

The racing awards, like the Coasters, were straightforward and to the point: only five!

- Harness Horse: Enghien - now that 3YO trotter will shine this season, bred by the Middletons of Milburn Farm and raced by Richard Dellaca and Greg Hope
- Thoroughbred Horse: A Bob Short trained by the O'Malleys in Ikamatua
- Trainer: Kimberly Hampton - a delightful personality Kimberly lives and trains at Ikamatua on a farm with a maximum of 2 horses in work at any time and had 3 wins for the season with Moreira (2) and Redesdale

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- Owner: Richard Dellaca - the harness 'Rulz' man with a lovely set of wins in the season and whose horse Liz Rulz won stylishly at Oamaru during the presentation lunch to much applause!
- Personality: Joan Meates a long-standing Kumara Club identity who gets out there and fixes stuff and paints the course up.

Colin Stevenson the combined clubs Secretary and Kumara Club graciously hosted us and allowed Brad and I to present a small Contribution to Standardbred Breeding trophy to each of the nine breeders. We organised this late and not all were present on the day, but others collected the awards on behalf of those who were absent. Thank you John Rogers for your words of appreciation

The West Coast Buller breeders who were recognised:

- Aussie Hotel Syndicate (Mike Curragh)
- Trena Chambers
- Linda Connors
- Richard Dellaca
- Rodney Dickson
- Glenys and Glen Elley
- Jenni and Darcy Hasson
- John Rogers
- Katrina & Graeme Walsh.

We forget at our peril that our sport is based on people from all over this wonderful country. Their numbers may be small in some places but their hearts are big and their love of the standardbred unconditional.

Our journey home was magical. More ideas! Where to next year? How do we get more funds to do even more? A lively two-hour drive to the West Melton pub carpark for Brad to collect his wheels and head home. Good feelings from meeting happy people who appreciated our very small effort to say "thank you all."

And, if you want an adventure and a great holiday support West Coast Buller Racing <http://www.bullerwestcoastracing.com/>:

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Kumara Gallops Saturday 14th January 2017

Westport Trots Friday 10th March 2017  
Reefton Trots Sunday 12th March 2017

**John Mooney**



Annual Scooter ride Christchurch to the Coast for NZ Cancer Society raised \$100,000

## REGALLY BRED - QUEEN KENNY



Queen Kenny (7m Monarchy/Nice One Kenny)

A recent nominee for Southland Horse of the Year (winner : Costa Del Magnifico) and New Zealand (Hanley Formula) 5YO and older Trotting Mare (winner : Quite A Moment sixteen votes; Queen Kenny eleven votes) didn't mean that Queen Kenny's recent successful season was left unrewarded. She was crowned Southland Standardbred Breeders Aged race mare for 2015/16 season.

Queen Kenny was bred by Phil and Bev Williamson of Oamaru and is owned by Gordon McKenzie and Rose Dixon of Colac Bay. Although Gordon McKenzie is known to come from a strong Southland galloping background, he has a share in pacer Cullen Who, winner of three from five as three-year-old. Both horses were trained in

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Southland by Tony Barron who has now headed north to train with brother Ken from his West Melton base.

Queen Kenny has achieved much in her three racing seasons being relatively young for a trotter having just turned seven. Her career stats to the end of her six year old (2015/6) season show earnings just below \$100k (\$98,381), a best mile rate of T2:02.0 (placed in T1:58.5, 1700m) from forty two starts for nine victories and twelve placings.

Starting her career as a four year old, Queen Kenny's seven starts yielded three victories (Waikouaiti twice including at second start and first for Tony Barron; second win in Invited Drivers race for Maurice McKendry; Invercargill) and two placings. Her least productive season victory wise was as a five year old, her fourteen starts producing a solitary win at Waikouaiti plus six placings including those on NZ Cup and Show Days.

Last season (2015/6) at six, Queen Kenny won \$63,804 in stakes, five wins and four placings from twenty one starts. Following several starts in Canterbury (second Show Day), she recorded her first win in November on the grass at Geraldine. This was followed by consecutive wins the following two weeks at Forbury and Winton to round off a hat trick of victories, all in the hands of Dexter Dunn (three wins from seventeen drives to date).

Tony Barron took her on a road trip, starting twice at Addington before carrying on to Alexandra Park. A first up fourth in the only trotting mares group race, Group Three Northern Trotting Breeders Stakes (All Royal Gal), was followed immediately with success in Group 3 Greenlane Cup defeating Whitney and then a win at Auckland off 30m. Following these two wins up with a second and a sixth gave her trainer confidence to start her in the Rowe Cup. She ran a very creditable third in the Group 1 Rowe Cup behind NZ Harness Horse and Trotter of Year, Monbet.

Winning drivers to pilot Queen Kenny have been Dexter and John Dunn (three each), Brad Williamson (two) and

Maurice McKendry. She has shown some liking for grass tracks with four of her first five wins coming at Waikouaiti (three) and Geraldine.

Sire Monarchy, (\$117,530, T1:56.1US), was leading New Zealand sire of two-year-old trotters in 2011/2012, three-year-olds 2012/2013 and four-year-olds in 2013/2014. In the latest season, he placed third behind Sundon and Love You on stakes won (\$982,076), second with forty six winners of ninety five races (second). Among his better performers have been Sovereignty, Stylish Monarch, Sheemon, Royal Aspirations, Prime Power, Mums Pride, Kylie Ree, King Charlie, Harriet of Mot, Alley Way.

Dam Nice One Kenny (Sundon/ Frances Jay Bee), raced by Phil and Bev Williamson, George Edmond and Mrs Erin Bradley, \$12,198, T2:08.9. She won two including first start at Gore and Waikouaiti on the grass and was placed twice from nine starts trained by Phil Williamson. She has left five foals to date, Queen Kenny being the second and her third Royal Kenny also a winner last season.

Queen Kenny comes from the family of Reyden (N184), an unraced 1933 Rey De Oro mare. Reyden left one significant maternal branch with daughter Reyleen Hall leaving pacing (Jan Maree - dam of Hajano, Johnny Balbo) and trotting branches through Lida Lisa, dam of Lady Afton and grand dam of Frances Jay Bee. It is through this connection that the family of Reyden has contributed some significant trotting performers in recent years.

Queen Kenny's grand dam Frances Jay Bee, 6 wins, T2:07.6, \$32,580, 2007 NZSBA Broodmare of Excellence Award winner, is dam of :

Nice One Kenny, dam of Queen Kenny (refer earlier)

One Kenny, seventeen New Zealand wins, \$101,624, T2:03.1NZ/two Australian wins, \$8,508, T2:01.6AUS; Ashburton Boxing Day Trot, Free-for-alls at Forbury Park and Harold Park One Over Kenny, twenty six New Zealand wins, \$811,194, T1:57.0NZ/six Australian wins, T2:01.0AUS, \$286,814; at three, winner New Zealand Trotters Oaks, Sires Stakes, Great Northern Trotting Derby, Victorian Holmfield; as older mare, Australian Trotters

Championship, Cochran Cup, Rowe Cup/Lyell Creek/National Trot (all twice), Cambridge Trotters Mile, Trotting Championship, Interdominion heat; assorted annual awards including two time NZ Trotter of Year, twice Grand Circuit Champion trotter; millionaire trotter; dam of One Over Da Moon, fifteen New Zealand wins, \$216,311, T1:55.5/five Australian wins, \$86,026, T1:59.4AUS, NZ two-year-old Trotting Stakes, Harness Ruby (two), Holmfield, Ashburton Trotters Mile, NZ Two-year-old Colt/Gelding of Year One Under Kenny, eleven wins, \$87,919, T2:03.3, Ashburton Boxing Day Trot, NZ three-year-old Filly of Year, NZ four-year-old Mare of Year

Aside from Frances Jay Bee, Lady Afton also left Raymauwarren Sun (Sundon gelding), T2:04..2, \$146,235, winner of Southern Lights Trot. He raced for eleven seasons (three to fourteen years old, unraced at six) recording twenty two victories and sixteen placings in his one hundred and eight starts.

A product of trotting royalty, regally performed to date and with a likely profitable future broodmare career yet to come, Queen Kenny is poised for further enduring success..

Peter Craig

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## A TIP TOP BREED FROM 'TOP' PEOPLE

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Myross Bush breeder Mark Smith is delivering the bread in more ways than one.

The 57-year-old, who works throughout the night delivering loaves in Southland for 'Tip Top' brand, has reaped great success from his wonder broodmare Sly Shard.

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Smith and his wife Debbie also bred the now broodmare, Pemberton Shard.

That Christian Cullen – Sly Shard embryo transfer mare was clocked to go under 1:50 when finishing sixth in Adore Me's 1:47.7 Ladyship Mile at Menangle last year.

Then her little Mach Three brother, Mach Shard fetched a 'sales topping' \$200,000 for the Smiths at this year's New Zealand Premier Yearling Sale in Christchurch.

Six of Sly Shard's eight foals were born via embryo transfer. Mach Shard and the other one that wasn't was her first foal - and the best horse the Smith's have bred, aka the open class pacer, Smiling Shard.

"Smiling Shard is the best horse we have bred. He was a sentimental favourite. The harder they went the tougher he got. Even though we sold him at the Yearling sales we always considered him ours and supported his career like we still owned him.

"We were very pleased for the owners. They got a very good racehorse," Smith (Mark) said.

Ironically Smiling Shard never fetched as much as what the Smiths have fetched from some of their yearlings at annual sales.

They let Smiling Shard (by Grinfromeartoeear) go for \$41,000 at 2008 yearling sales. Nothing beats Mach Shard's \$200,000, but they also received \$180,000 for Spicey (Christian Cullen – Sly Soky - dam of Sly Shard), \$125,000 for Mighty Shard (Christian Cullen – She's Mighty), \$105,000 for Mister Presley (Rocknroll Hanover – She's Mighty), and \$55,000 for Shard's Miracle (Christian Cullen - Sly Soky).

The Panorama black mare Sly Shard won four races for the Smiths and their local trainer Doug McLachlan.

She missed to Bettor's Delight but was put back to him in late December.

Sly Shard was the sixth of 10 foals out of the three-win Richard Brosnan trained Soky's Atom – Sly Tabella mare, Sly Soky, who was bought by the Smiths



Smiling Shard (10 h Grinfromeartoeear - Sly Shard) winning the 2010 Kaikoura Cup a feat he repeated the next year!

from her breeder, National Bloodstock.

Her third foal, Sands A Flyin 29-race winner Sly Flyin (1:53.7) was a dual Group One winner who banked \$1.17 million in stakes; while her seventh foal - Christian Cullen mare, Spicey won nine races and almost \$200,000.

But Smith says he will never forget the exploits of Smiling Shard.

"He was a great horse. He placed in his first four starts as a 2-year-old in Auckland and then in May 2009 Sires Stakes 2yo Final.

"His two other Group One wins came in his very next start when he won the 2-year-old Emerald Harness Jewels Final and the 2009 and the Breeders Crown 2yo Final at Melton that same year. He was later named 2yo-Pacer-Of-The-Year," Smith said.

Smiling Shard won 15 of his 50 starts and placed in 22 others for \$1,178,793 in stakes - \$757,491 of that was won in New Zealand and A\$332,340 in Australia.

"He was a small horse but that didn't stop him from winning two Kaikoura Cups (2010 and 2011) and ran second behind Stunin Cullen in the Hunter Cup (2011). He placed in a lot of big races including the Taylor Mile (2011), the New Brighton Cup (2011) and the Franklin Cup (2011) to name a few.

"In fact that second behind Highview Tommy was his last race. He's now a stallion," Smith said.

Smiling Shard was retired after having his promising Grand Circuit career derailed by a leg issue, Smiling Shard's sire statistics show that he has 17 live foals in New Zealand and 56 in Australia. He initially stood at Alabar's Echuca Farm in Victoria with a stud fee is \$2200. This season he is at Medowie Lodge in New South Wales for Darren Raey.

He is owned by Mrs C M Dalgety, A J Rooney, A R Vernel, and P M Gorman. The Smiths said they would one day love to give up their day jobs and concentrate on breeding full-time. "It's slowly getting to that point. Debbie is a technical manager at silver Fern Farms, so it might be the bread run that goes first.

"We've got 30 acres here just outside of Invercargill. We farm in a region which produced the great Arden and Beaudiene breeds.

"I think we get a head-start down here because of the pasture and quality feed that the horses eat. There's more fibre in the feed down here and history shows the grass and grains down here produce champions decade after decade," Smith said.

"Hopefully another champion is just around the corner - and hopefully he or she comes from our progeny," Smith added.

**Duane Ranger**





# SOUTHLAND HARNESS AWARDS 2016



John and Judy Stiven with Tracey and Keith Norman from Bryleigh Stud - sponsors of the Southland Broodmare of the year Award

Southland recognised it's harness racing stars in August.

Tosca Hanover, owned by Tapanui's John Stiven, was named **Southland Broodmare of the Year**. This is the fourth time a product of Arden Lodge has won this category.

Hamish Hunter was named **Southland Harness Person of the Year**.

Hunter has been training for forty years and last season became the first trainer in Southland to train 500 winners.

Hunter has had a number of notable winners over the years including Franco Ledger 25 wins, Malaz 15 wins, Nursemaid 14 wins, Devil May Care 11 wins, Canardly Lover 10 wins.

Costa Del Magnifico was named **Horse of the Year**.

The 4 year old Mach Three- Satire Franco horse recorded seven wins last season and four seconds for stakes of \$90,400.

He's owned by Murray and Sandra Allen of Otatara.

His regular driver Nathan Williamson

rated his win in the Centenary Cup at Winton as one of the highlights of his season.

## Award of Excellence:

Nathan Williamson - Leading Southland Driver 2015-2016 season, leading Southland trainer 2015-2016 and first Southland based driver to drive 100 winners in a season.

## Contributors awards were also made to:

Graham Cooney - breeder, owner, Awards Committee member, RIB member and avid race goer who has recently moved to Tauranga.

Russell Freeman - recently retired CEO of Southern Harness and long time secretary of nine Southern Harness clubs.

Noeline O'Connor - Drivers and Trainers Cafeteria Manager for 17 years and breeder.

Alisa Smaill - Owner and recently retired HRNZ Board member who represented the South Island for 12 years.

Leyava, a former Southland Broodmare of the Year was awarded with the title **Southland Star**. She's the dam of Sassenach, Ryal, Shavande, Profiteer, Zabadak and Stampede and was bred by Andrew Sellars. This award is normally reserved for racehorses and it's the first time in awards history that a broodmare has been honoured. Stallion Majestic Chance (1997) is the only other non-racehorse on the Honours Board.

## Other awards:

### Southland Standardbred Breeders:

#### Two Year Old Filly of the Year:

Shezacullengirl - MJ Little, Mrs SJ Little and Havtime Breeding

#### Three Year Old Filly of the Year:

Rakarazor - BJ Fahy

#### Age Race Mare of the Year:

Queen Kenny - GJ McKenzie and Mrs RH Dixon

## Group Certificates:

Estate of Noreen Stiven, breeder of Arden Rooney

Diane Cournane, breeder of Fight For Glory

Archie Affleck, breeder of Mossdale Conner

## New Zealand Record Holder Certificate:

Nek Time - Russell and Sharyn Symon 2-53.0 - 2400 metre mobile fillies- Central Southland Raceway 19/03/2016

## SBSR/Shard Farm Fastest Winning Mile Rate Mares/Fillies:

Erin Jaccka - CF Smaill and Mrs AG Smaill 1-53.9 - 1609 metre mobile fillies- Central Southland Raceway 19/03/2016

## Southland Harness Awards

#### Two Year Old Colt/Gelding of the Year:

The Honey Badger - Paul Hailes and Caine McIntyre.



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**Washington VC - Harness Award:**

**Mare of the Year:** Motu Moonbeam -  
Motu Lodge Stud.

**Robin Dundee Club Awards:**

**Three Year Old Filly of the Year:**

Rakarazor - BJ Fahy

**Three Year Old Colt/Gelding of the**

**Year:** Galactic Star - The Test Syndicate

**Caduceus Club and Southland  
Awards:**

Caduceus Club Trotter of the Year: Mass  
Invasion - JO Crooks

Members Award: John Stiven - Arden's  
Choice

**Arthur Skinner Leading Driver of  
Trotters:**

Nathan Williamson (30)

**Southland Trainer and Drivers  
Association Awards:**

Leading Southland Trainer: Nathan  
Williamson (31)

Leading Southland Driver: Nathan  
Williamson (100)

Leading Southland Junior Driver: Craig  
Ferguson (33)

**Breeders Awards:**

1:58 pins (trotters two minutes) for  
horses raced by members of the  
Standardbred Breeders Association

Arden's Choice - John Stiven

Cullen Who - Tony Barron

Erin Jaccka - Charlie Smaill

Leah Mac - Wayne McEwan

Melina Lowe - Paul Duffy

Nek Time - Robert and Sharyn Symon

Odette Jaccka - Charlie and Ailsa  
Smaill

Rakarazor - Brendan Fahy

Sundara - Tom Kilkelly

The Charging Moa - Russell Neville

The Fascinator - Todd Anderson

Bettor's Avenue - Jan Williams

Booster - Karen Calder

New York Town - Lindsay and Ian  
Thomson

Southern Pursuit - Peter and Julie  
Keast

Swamp Major - Trevor Ryder

The Honey Badger - Paul Hailes

Springbank Sam - Alistair and Denise  
Smith

**Bruce Stewart**

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