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Hi there

This month has been a rather quiet one, with all your fillies out in the spelling paddock. It's that time of year, when most horses have a spell, but of course there are a couple of your fillies who have, or are having, extended spells.

Luby Lou added to your list of winners last month, before being sent for a 6-8 weeks spell and she should be set to return to training towards the end of this month.

The Peacemaker has now completed her spell and returned to training on the 2nd August, so it will be interesting to see how she progresses through this campaign and hopefully she will make it to the races this time in.

Spandau Ballet last raced on the 21st April and she is coming to the end of her extended spell, with her due back in training on the 1st September. This will mean that she has had over 4 months out, so I'm sure this time would have served her well and will give her the best chance of making it back to win more races.

The Vicars Daughter has had some breathing issues and was sent for her extended spell at the end of June. She is due to have 6 months out and will be due back in at the end of December, so let's hope that this time out will help her get of her troubles.

Drizella was due back in work on the 31st July, the the presence of a foot abscess has delayed this a little and she is now due back next week. She will have a change of trainer too, to now be trained by Mike Berger, at Cambridge.

As advised, Spandau Ballet has received a nomination for the North Island 2-year-old of the Year Award, so **CONGRATULATIONS** and **GOOD LUCK** for this honour, set to be announced at the North Island Awards Dinner on the 2nd September.

So with The Peacemaker back in training and Drizella, Luby Lou and Spandau Ballet all due back in the next couple of weeks, we will hopefully be in for some exciting action soon and with any luck a bumper 3-year-old season.

I'm sure you are looking forward to following each of the girl's progress, as each advance through their respective campaigns this time in training.

I'm sure there will be many exciting times ahead.

I hope you enjoy the read.

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer **Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen** :-

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Following her excellent win in a Breeders Crown Heat at Addington, on the 7th July, Luby Lou was to be sent for a spell.

Even though in winning this heat, she had qualified to race in the Group 1 \$90,000 Breeders Crown Series 20 (2YO Trotting Fillies) Final, it was decided to be in her best interests to bypass a trip to Australia at this stage and give Luby Lou a spell and her chance to mature; mainly mentally, as she is still a very inexperienced racehorse.

Co-trainer Mark Purdon has said that he feels she should come back as a lovely 3-year-old, so I'm sure this was the right move to make.

Hopefully you will reap the rewards of patience, with a good 3-year-old racing season this term.

Luby Lou is to have 6-8 weeks out, so is due back into training towards the end of this month.

Interestingly, under the "Re-Rating System" adopted by HRNZ, Luby Lou is to return to racing as a Non-Winner, as from the 1st August 2017. That was good to get a "free win".

Trainer **Barry Purdon** :-

Spandau Ballet (Bettor's Delight – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Since her last race as a 2-year-old, way back on the 21st April (Group 1 Caduceus Club Fillies Classic), Spandau Ballet has been enjoying an extended break in the spelling paddock at Breckon Farms.

This good long spell of a little more than 4 months should do her the world of good and reports from Breckon Farms Manager Scott Yardley are that she is doing well during her time out.

Spandau Ballet's scheduled return to training is getting close now, with her being scheduled to return on the 1st September. This should allow her to be ready to return for her 3-year-old racing around Christmas time.

I'm sure this time off will have benefitted her both physically and mentally and she will be ready to go and hopefully be a competitive 3-year-old in her upcoming racing.

Of course, as previously advised, Spandau Ballet is a nominee for the PGG Wrightson – North Island 2-Year-Old Filly of the Year, to be presented at the upcoming North Island Awards Dinner, on the 2nd September, so **GOOD LUCK for this & GO SPANDAU BALLET !!!**

Trainer Mike Berger :-

The Vicars Daughter (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

Having attended the workouts for a run on the 10th June, The Vicars Daughter was unfortunately not to make it back for further runs, as had been planned, as she developed some trouble with her breathing.

The vet inspected her and ran her along with a special mobile scoping device strapped to her, but nothing untoward could be seen on the digital recording.

After subsequent physical observation, the vet was to hear a distinct audible noise just after The Vicars Daughter had been pulled up from a run, indicating that she had flipped her palate. This is a disorder of the upper airway and results in a partial obstruction of the airway.

Operations for this problem are not always successful and as The Vicars Daughter is young and immature, being only a 2-year-old at the time, the vet suggested it was possible that she may just grow out of it, as some horses do, so it was decided to give her a decent spell and her chance to get over her trouble naturally.

So, The Vicars Daughter has gone for her long spell at Breckon Farms and reports from Scott Yarndley, the Farm Manager, are that she is doing well so far.

Let's hope things work out as we want them to.

Trainer Mike Berger :-

The Peacemaker (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

Having qualified on the 8th June, The Peacemaker was to have another run at the Workouts at Cambridge Raceway, on the 17th June, for a little more experience, before it was decided best that she should have a spell.

She had a few more days at the stable, as a mate for her "best friend" The Vicars Daughter while she underwent vet inspections for her breathing issue and was to go to the spelling paddock at Breckon Farms on the 27th June.

The Peacemaker returned to Mike's stable on the 2nd August, having completed her approximately 6-week spell. Mike reported, "She looks OK. They don't put much on in the winter. We'll press on and see how she goes this time in and hopefully we will make it to the races."

So, The Peacemaker will start her build-up in fitness with some jogging, before moving on to hopped work. She is likely to do about 6 weeks of each, before she should be ready to attend the workouts in preparation to make her race debut.

It will be interesting to follow her progress during this time and of course great to see her back on the track.



Trainer Mike Berger :-

Drizella (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Drizella was due to return to training at the end of July, but unfortunately this has been delayed as she developed an abscess in her foot. This is a common occurrence at this time of year, when the paddocks are so wet and horses tend to pick up infections in their feet quite easily.

This has been treated, but it is necessary to make sure she is fully over her trouble before she returns to work. She has been a little lame on the foot, which is often the case and this needs to be rectified before she completes her spell.

Also, Drizella will have a change in trainer, as her previous trainer Geoff Small has relinquished her barn at the Pukekohe track and is only continuing with a handful of horses, training them from home and floating them each day down to the Pukekohe track to be worked. With Geoff already being committed to his maximum number in work, he was unable to take Drizella back.

In discussions with Geoff, he reiterated, "She was like most of them who clip a knee; they are too weak and can't cope with it. If she's given a bit of time, it should help her, but she needs to be racing by Christmas to give her a chance as a 3-year-old. She's always tried hard and is worth another go."

So, Drizella will now return to training next week, with Cambridge trainer Mike Berger. Mike actually broke-in Drizella when she was a yearling and has had a lot of experience with her family in the past, having trained her mother Corbie for her entire career (2 wins & 6 placings), her sisters Black Maire (4 wins & 12 placings) and Soleil D'or (0 wins & 6 placings), as well as a couple of granddaughters.

It is likely that Drizella will return to training with Mike Berger this week, which of course will mean that he will now be training three of your fillies, as he is already the conditioner for The Peacemaker and The Vicars Daughter.

Let's hope that Mike can have success with another member of the Corbie family.

Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown

Over recent years, the Breckon Farms Syndicates have established an amazing record at the Australasian Breeders Crown, with no less than three starters in the Finals two years ago and then another three again last year.

Of course they have certainly had their share of wins in this prestigious series, with it all starting back in 2014 when the first established Breckon Farms – The Good Sports Syndicate had Linda Lovegrace make the Group 1 2YO Fillies Final, but unfortunately she finished back in the field.

Then in 2015 High Gait took out the Group 1 2YO Trotting Fillies Final, as well as Linda Lovegrace finishing 3rd in her Group 1 3YO Pacing Fillies Final.

Last year (2016) there were two 2nd placings by High Gait in the Group 1 3YO Trotting Fillies Final and Regal Love in the Group 1 2YO Trotting Fillies Final and of course the very exciting win by Partyon in the Group 1 2YO Pacing Fillies Final.

So, there have certainly been some extremely exciting times for our Breckon Farms Syndicates.

This year, it is hoped that Partyon can once again make it through to the Finals, to defend her title, as she is set to compete in the Semi-Finals at Bendigo this Saturday the 19th August, on the road to the Group 1 \$190,000 Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown Series 19 (3YO Fillies) Final, at Melton on the 27th August.

This year, Partyon is the Breckon Farms Syndicates sole representative, so we wish both the Syndicate and Partyon all the very best of luck for this prestigious race on "Super Sunday".



Partyon winning the 2016 Breeders Crown 2YO Pacing Fillies Final



Partyon's connections celebrate with a ride in the gig

2017 Harness Racing Awards

The New Zealand Awards night was held on Thursday the 3rd August, in Christchurch and details of the 2017 winners are:-

- 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year - **Aoraki**
- 2YO Trotting Colt or Gelding of the Year - **Paramount King**
- 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year - **Elle Mac**
- 2YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year - **Spankem**
- 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year - **Chevron Express**
- 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year - **Spanish Armada**
- 3YO Trotting Colt or Gelding of the Year - **Enghien**
- 3YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year - **Ultimate Machete**
- 4YO Trotting Mare of the Year - **Wilma's Mate**
- 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year - **Dream About Me**
- 4YO Trotting Entire or Gelding of the Year - **Temporale**
- 4YO Pacing Entire or Gelding of the Year - **Lazarus**
- 5YO & Older Trotting Mare of the Year - **Sunny Ruby**
- 5YO & Older Pacing Mare of the Year - **The Orange Agent**
- 5YO & Older Trotting Entire or Gelding of the Year - **Monbet**
- 5YO & Older Pacing Entire or Gelding of the Year - **Smolda**
- Trotting Broodmare of the Year - **Another Starlet**
- Pacing Broodmare of the Year - **Bethany**
- Breeder of the Year - **Brian West**
- Trotting Stallion of the Year - **Love You**
- Pacing Stallion of the Year - **Bettor's Delight**
- Owners of the Year - **Philip & Glenys Kennard**
- Leading Junior Driver - **Rory McIlwrick**

Leading Driver - **Dexter Dunn**
Leading Trainers - **Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen**
Cadet of the Year - **Kieran McNaught**
Outstanding Contribution - **Bev and Phil Williamson**
Pacer of the Year - **Lazarus**
Trotter of the Year - **Monbet**
Horse of the Year - **Lazarus**

There was also a "People's Choice Award – Best Drive 2016/17" that was taken out by Zac Butcher onboard Jack's Legend in the Harness Jewels.

Congratulations to all winners, both equine and human and of course a special **CONGRATULATIONS** to Breckon Farms Syndicate members Philip and Glenys Kennard (Lazarus, Smolda, Ultimate Machete, Spankem, plus Owners of the Year), Trevor Casey (Lazarus) and Breckon Racing Syndicate (Spankem), as well as Breckon Farms for breeding the 2YO Filly of the Year Elle Mac, all of whom shared in many of the spoils. **Well done !!!**

Newsletters On the Website

Please remember, your monthly newsletters will also be displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

The Breckon Farms website address is:- www.breckonfarms.co.nz

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, click on 'Six of the Best Syndicate', then scroll to find your newsletters.

You may also enjoy reading some of the other sections contained within the website.

Horses Birthdays

The 1st August, is the official day that all Standardbred horses' birthdays are recognised in New Zealand and celebrated by some.

They all became another year older on this date, so HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Luby Lou, The Peacemaker, Spandau Ballet, The Vicars Daughter and Drizella !!!



So good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers
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