

# Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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## August 2018 Newsletter

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Hi there

With spring just around the corner things will soon start to warm up weather-wise and racing-wise, as your horse Luby Lou has now returned to training.

As we know, in a racing campaign cut short by a very unfortunate injury, Luby Lou still managed to establish a great record in her short 4-race season, winning three of her races and breaking at the start of the other and virtually taking no part.

Luby Lou won the Southland Trotting Oaks, the Group 2 NZ Trotting Oaks and of course the highlight of her season was a win in the Group 1 NZ Derby, beating the boys, before the wheels fell off on her way to an assault that would have included the Northern Trotting Oaks, the Sires Stakes Trotters Champs, the Northern Trotting Derby and the Harness Jewels, before a planned trip across the Tasman for the Breeders Crown, all for stakes totalling over \$370,000.

Luby Lou also set a Track Record with her win in the Southland Oaks and just missed beating the NZ Record by 0.8 seconds in the NZ Derby.

For the record, adding to her 1 start for 1 win as a 2-year-old, in the 2017/18 season as a 3-year-old Luby Lou had 4 starts, for 3 wins and \$91,050 in stake earnings, a record fit to put her right in the frame for the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year award, especially with a Group 1 win on her resume.

She will be up for this award at the upcoming National Awards Night function, at Alexandra Park, on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Hopefully you can make it along to support her in this event.

## **GOOD LUCK & GO LUBY LOU !!!**

I'm sure Luby Lou will do you all proud and once again provide lots of fun and excitement this season.



*Here is the latest information on your filly:-*

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

#### **Luby Lou** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Luby Lou completed her spell and recuperation time with Karolyn and was set to return to training on the 6<sup>th</sup> August, as scheduled.

Her co-trainer Mark Purdon advised regarding her leg injury, "All reports are good" and "She will be pre-trained by Tim Trathen [a licenced trainer based at West Melton], where she's been before. She will spend 6-8 weeks there and will then come over to us."

So, Luby Lou will be worked up by Tim and transfer over to the All Stars Stable mid to late September.

Hopefully Luby Lou is completely over her very unfortunate injury now and it will be onward and upward from here towards her much-awaited return to racing.

### **GOOD LUCK & GO LUBY LOU !!!**

#### **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 three years ago, another three two years ago and then another one 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 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Group 1 3YO Pacing Fillies Final.

In 2016 there were two 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Last year (2017) there was just the one representative in Partyon in the Group 1 3YO Pacing Fillies Final where she finished a very gallant 3<sup>rd</sup> placing after a tough run and after having won her Semi-Final.

So, there have certainly been some extremely exciting times for our Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown and this year, it is hoped that So Tickle Me Pink (as she is known while racing in Australia) can once again make it through to the Finals, to add to the excellent record of the Syndicates, as she is set to compete in a Heat at Maryborough this Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> August and hopefully go on to contest the Group 1 \$95,000 Aldebaran Park Breeders Crown Series 21 (2YO Trotting Fillies) Final, at Melton on the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

This year, So Tickle Me Pink is the Breckon Farms Syndicates sole representative, so we wish both the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate and So Tickle Me Pink all the very best of luck for this prestigious race.



**Partyon winning the 2016 Breeders Crown 2YO Pacing Fillies Final**



**Partyon's connections celebrate with a ride in the gig**

### **Always B Miki 2018 North Island Harness Racing Awards**

This year's very popular event on the Northern Harness Racing Calendar will be staged in the Tasman Room, at Alexandra Park, on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

There are Pre Dinner Drinks in the Lyell Creek Lounge, commencing at 5:30pm, then patrons will move to the Tasman Room at approximately 6pm. There is a 3-course dinner, as well as beer, wine, spirits & juices included, entertainment with a live band "The Monroes" after the awards.

Tickets are on sale now, so be sure to make your booking early, as this function usually sells out fast. The cost is \$130 per head.

Tickets can be obtained from Suzanne Herlihy. You can contact Suzanne on 027-407-1057, or by email to: - [strike1won@xtra.co.nz](mailto:strike1won@xtra.co.nz).

Be sure to say you are with the 'Breckon Farms Group', so you can all hopefully be seated together.

I can certainly recommend this night as an excellent event on the northern harness racing social calendar.

Unfortunately, your filly Luby Lou does not qualify for these awards, for which she would have been a "dead-cert", as nominees must meet two of three criteria of being owned, trained and raced in the North Island during the season, to be eligible.

However, the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate horse Tickle Me Pink is a nominee for the Breckon Farms – North Island 2-year-old Trotter of the Year, so it would be great if you could get along and support her. Breckon Farms are sponsors on the night of the North Island 2-year-old Trotter of the Year and North Island 3-year-old Trotter of the Year, as well as having leading nominees for the PGG Wrightson – North Island 2-year-old Filly of the Year (Miss Streisand), Breckon Farms - North Island 3-year-old Trotter of the Year (Girls On Film & Stress Factor), Garrards Horse and Hound – North Island Owners of the Year (Breckon Farms), North Island Standardbred Breeders Association Inc – North Island Breeder of the Year (Breckon Farms) and Veterinary Associates Equine & Farm – North Island Broodmare of the Year (Goodlookinggirl), so GOOD LUCK to them and also to Tickle Me Pink and the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate.

If you are thinking of attending this Awards Dinner, then the details are on the flyer below and a Ticket Order Form and a List of Nominees is also shown below for your reference.

Please advise me (preferably by email) if you are going to attend this function.

**Always B Miki**  
**2018 North Island Harness Racing Awards**

**ALWAYS B MIKI**  
The fastest horse of all time - 2016 US Horse of the Year

**Saturday 1 September 2018**  
Tasman Room, Alexandra Park Raceway, Epsom

Pre Dinner Drinks in the Lyell Creek Lounge ♦ Commencing 5.30pm  
Three Course Dinner ♦ Beer, Wine, Spirits and Juices ♦ Live Band "The Monroes"

Tickets available now - **\$130 per head**  
Junior Drivers and Cadets - **Fully Subsidised**

Formal Dress - Jacket and Tie ♦ Limited Tickets - Be in quick!!  
For Tickets Contact: **Suzanne Herlihy 027 407 1057**  
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## **ALWAYS B MIKI 2018 NORTH ISLAND HARNESS RACING AWARDS**

NOMINEES – listed in alphabetical order

### **WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY HARNESS – NORTH ISLAND AMATEUR DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

Logan Darby, Rodney Frampton, Cheree Wigg, Sheryl Wigg

### **KAHUKURI BLOODSTOCK HOLLIS & ROBERTSON - NORTH ISLAND GROOM OF THE YEAR**

Chanelle Lawson, Christopher Morrison, Sheridan Rapley, Danielle Rowden, Tremain Thorby

### **MAGNESS VIDEO LTD / VID-COM LTD - NORTH ISLAND LICENCE TO TRAIN / OWNER – TRAINER OF THE YEAR**

Phil Fleming, Dave Iremonger, Scott Phelan, Tim Vince

### **MITAVITE - NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

Benjamin Butcher, Tony Cameron, Dylan Ferguson, Alicia Harrison, Jack MacKinnon

### **PGG WRIGHTSON - NORTH ISLAND 2 YEAR OLD COLT OR GELDING OF THE YEAR**

Beaudiene Western, Make Way, Star Of Montana, Supreme Dominator

**PGG WRIGHTSON - NORTH ISLAND 2 YEAR OLD FILLY OF THE YEAR**

Arma Indie, Havtime, Miss Streisand, Princess Tiffany

**BRECKON FARMS - NORTH ISLAND 2 YEAR OLD TROTTER OF THE YEAR**

Adelle, She Reigns, Sunnys Little Jestic, Tickle Me Pink, Vatican Hill

**BRECKON FARMS - NORTH ISLAND 3 YEAR OLD TROTTER OF THE YEAR**

Girls On Film, Monaro Mia, Sex On Fire, Stress Factor, Sundees Son

**DUNSTAN - NORTH ISLAND 3 YEAR OLD COLT OR GELDING OF THE YEAR**

Culpeka, On The Cards, Solid Gold, Triple Eight

**DUNSTAN - NORTH ISLAND 3 YEAR OLD FILLY OF THE YEAR**

Gold Orchid, Ivana Flybye, Kotare Cullen, Ruebe Star

**MERV & MEG BUTTERWORTH - NORTH ISLAND FEMALE RACING ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD**

Nicky Chilcott, Trish Dunell, Alicia Harrison, Amanda Kiddie, Michelle Wallis

**GARRARDS HORSE AND HOUND - NORTH ISLAND OWNERS OF THE YEAR**

Breckon Farms, Tony & Anne Parker, Tim Vince, Braedon & Caroline Whitelock

**CADUCEUS CLUB - NORTH ISLAND FILLY / MARE OF THE YEAR**

Ivana Flybye, Opoutama, Princess Tiffany, Utmost Delight

**NORTH ISLAND STANDARDBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC – NORTH ISLAND BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

Breckon Farms, Tony & Anne Parker, Braedon & Caroline Whitelock, Woodlands Stud

**IRT – NORTH ISLAND DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

David Butcher, Zachary Butcher, Josh Dickie, Tony Herlihy

**VETERINARY ASSOCIATES EQUINE AND FARM – NORTH ISLAND TRAINER OF THE YEAR**

John & Josh Dickie, Robert Dunn, Barry Purdon, Steve Telfer, Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett

**VETERINARY ASSOCIATES EQUINE AND FARM – NORTH ISLAND BROODMARE OF THE YEAR**

Dancing Diamonds, Delicata, Goodlookinggirl, Starlitnight

**HR FISKEN AND SONS – NORTH ISLAND TROTTING STALLION OF THE YEAR**

Great Success, Love You, Majestic Son, Pegasus Spur

**WOODLANDS STUD – NORTH ISLAND PACING STALLION OF THE YEAR**

American Ideal, Art Major, Bettor's Delight, Mach Three

**HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND – NORTH ISLAND AGED TROTTER OF THE YEAR**

Lemond, Massive Metro, Speeding Spur, Temporale

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB – NORTH ISLAND AGED PACER OF THE YEAR**

Italian Delight, Jack's Legend, Star Galleria, Utmost Delight

**SIR LINCOLN AT LINCOLN FARMS BLOODSTOCK – NORTH ISLAND RACING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

To be announced

**ALWAYS B MIKI - ALABAR / NEVELE R STUD – NORTH ISLAND AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO HARNESS RACING**

To be announced

*North Island Harness Racing Awards Trust*

**TICKET ORDER FORM**

**c/- Suzanne Herlihy**

**93 Burnside Road, RD2, Papakura**

**Phone (09) 2981757    Mobile (027) 4071057**

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*2018 "ALWAYS B MIKI"*

*NORTH ISLAND HARNESS RACING AWARDS*

*Saturday 1 September 2018, Tasman Room, Alexandra Park Raceway*

Number of tickets required .....

@ \$130 per head ..... post cheque or pay by direct credit

Group Name .....

Names of persons attending:

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*Name and postal address for tickets to be sent to:*

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Please make cheques payable to: North Island Harness Racing Awards Trust

Direct credit    01 0398 0238894 02 – please use surname as reference



### **NZB Standardbred 2018 Harness Racing New Zealand Annual Awards**

The National Annual Awards night function is to be staged this year in Auckland, as part of the National Conference.

It is on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, in the Tasman Room at Alexandra Park, with the doors opening for pre-drinks from 5.30pm.

This is a black-tie event and tickets include a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment throughout the night.

This year there are two Breckon Farms Syndicate fillies that may be in contention for awards. There is Tickle Me Pink (Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate) in the running for NZ 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year and Luby Lou (Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate) for the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year, so it would be great if you are able to get along and support these top-class fillies in their quest for national honours.

Standard Tickets on an individual basis are priced at \$149.50 each, or at a discounted rate for a Table of 10 (10% Discount) at \$1,345.50 for the table. If you are one of the first 4 tickets purchased that are available for the Breckon Farms Table, then you can purchase these at a discounted rate of \$120 each, otherwise the above ticket prices will be valid, but please be sure to ask about this when you book. Please be sure to say you are with Breckon Farms when purchasing your tickets.

You can book your tickets at: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/sep/new-zealand-bloodstock-harness-racing-new-zealand-annual-awards>

Your ticket will also gain you entry into the After Party which includes a DJ and a light supper. The After Party is to be held in the Alex Park Eatery from 10pm onwards. If you would like to just attend the After Party tickets are \$15 and tickets are available by contacting Courtney Clarke at [courtney@hrnz.co.nz](mailto:courtney@hrnz.co.nz) or 027 636 4355 – there are no door sales.

Please advise me (preferably by email) if you are going to attend this function.

### **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 !!!



Good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

**Rob**



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