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Hi there

Welcome to your October newsletter for the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate.

Over the last month we have seen good progress made by each of your fillies, albeit at varying rates. Luby Lou has gone to the spelling paddock with further ticks beside her name and all five of your other fillies have returned to training from their respective spells.

Each filly has an early education and training programme set, but of course each has to progress through various stages, to move on to the next phase. It looks like your fillies are well on their way to providing you with lots of fun and excitement.

I look forward to meeting you personally soon, especially if we have some of your fillies going to the workouts, trials, or even races in the New Year.

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

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

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Luby Lou returned to the All Stars stable for her third preparation, on the 8th August, having completed a 7-week spell.

She continued to please Mark Purdon with her progress and on the 19th September he advised, "I'm very happy with her. She's a beautifully gaited trotter, just like her mother.

Mark reported last week, "She trained on the 1st October and then went out. I'll give her 6 weeks off. I'm very pleased with her. If you press on with the 2-year-old trotting fillies, they seem to come to the end of it and even get sore, so we'll give her the opportunity to have a break now, then she should be able to go all the way through. She's a very natural young horse."

So, Luby Lou is now enjoying her 6-week spell and will return to training after Cup Week, in mid-November.

Luby Lou has made good progress to date and hopefully she will continue to do so when she returns to training and look to go on and commence her racing career in the New Year as a 2-year-old.

It will certainly be exciting if she does and indications are that she will, but of course we will have to wait and see, as she will tell Mark what she is capable of at this early stage of her career.



Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Spandau Ballet (Bettor's Delight – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Having been broken-in initially and then having her second preparation with trainer Barry Purdon in June and July, Spandau Ballet was to return to Breckon Farms for a further 4-6 week spell.

She was to complete her spell and return to Barry's stable on the 20th September.

Barry said, "She looked a picture when she arrived and has settled in well."

Spandau Ballet had the hobbles on initially, just to make sure she remembered what the pacing game was all about and is jogging to increase her fitness levels. She will build up slowly in this preparation, which is likely to get more serious for her in the next few weeks.

The plan remains, that she should be going along by January and if she's up to it, she will probably start with one or two runs at the workouts, before going on to trial in preparation to race as an early 2-year-old.

This will be great to see and I'm sure, will be very exciting for us all.

Deutzy Doos (Muscle Hill – Love Ya Doosie)

Deutzy Doos also had her second preparation with trainer Barry Purdon, after her initial breaking-in and after a further spell was to return to Barry's for her third preparation during June and July.

After a further 6 weeks in the spelling paddock at Breckon Farms, she then returned again to Barry's stable on the 20th September.

Barry said, "She looked a picture when she arrived and they have done a great job with her."

Deutzy Doos immediately started jogging to lift her fitness levels and is now soon to start her strong pace work and then work on her speed.

This build up will get more serious for her once she starts working on her speed and if she makes the necessary progress, then she too should be ready for a start at the workouts in January, to hopefully progress on to trial and maybe even race as an early 2-year-old in the New Year.

This too will be great to see, if indeed it eventuates.

Trainer Mike Berger :-

The Vicars Daughter (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

The Vicars Daughter was broken-in by her trainer Mike Berger and he was very pleased with the way she broke-in.

She was then to go for an extended almost 4-month spell at Breckon Farms and returned to Mike's Cambridge stable in the second week of September.

She quickly settled back into training and Mike advised last week, "She's a nice pacer. We'll start bowling her along soon. She's doing everything right and I'm happy with her."

So, things will get a little more serious for The Vicars Daughter in training soon, as Mike will start to speed her up and see what time she is capable of running.

Depending on how she progresses and how she handles this, she will probably be given a brief let up of only a couple of weeks off and if she is looking a chance of making it as a 2-year-old, then she'll return to training and press on from there.

It will be great if she can make it to race as a 2-year-old, but of course it's early days yet.

Here are a couple of photos taken by Sandy Yardley on the 4th October ...



The Vicars Daughter (right) & Drizella



Running along

Thanks for the photos Sandy, they are great.

The Peacemaker (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

Having not received a very good report after being broken-in and having her second preparation with Mark Smolenski, it was decided that The Peacemaker was not up to joining the All Stars Team of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen.

She completed a further spell at Mark Smolenski's property, before it was decided that she would have her next preparation with Cambridge horseman and trainer Mike Berger. She travelled north, to arrive at Breckon Farms on the 1st September and after 2 weeks at the farm, she was to go to Mike Berger's Cambridge stable.

Mike initially reported, "I'm not sure how much they have done with her, as she's a bit jumpy. When you put the crupper on, she tucks her bum down and is not very happy, but we'll tick away and see how we go."

Then last week, Mike advised, "She's quite precocious, but we're taking her quietly. She's got her eye on you all the time. She feels like she's on tender hooks all the time. She's a bit of a worrier, but she's coming along OK. We'll see where we get to. Maybe in 2 or 3 weeks, we'll see where we are at and go from there."

So, it will be interesting to see what progress Mike can make with The Peacemaker and whether she is capable of going the next step. Only time and patience will tell.



Trainer Geoff Small :-

Drizella (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

After being broken-in by Mike Berger, causing him a few anxious moments along the way, Drizella was also to go for a spell, as is customary at this stage of a baby's education process.

She spent close to 3 months at Breckon Farms, before she returned to Mike's barn at the beginning of September.

Mike wanted to do about 3 weeks with Drizella when she returned to training, just to settle her down and make sure everything was OK before she was transferred to Geoff Small's Pukekohe stable. During this time Mike reported, "She's settled down completely. She's really good and can go to Geoff's after her 3 weeks here."

After her time with Mike, he advised, "She was good. I was pleased with her. She never looked like doing her scone. I was pretty happy. She has come right and I guess being patient with her has paid off. I did nearly put the white flag up a couple of times when I was breaking her in, but she has been really good this time and hasn't put a foot wrong. She's gone up to Geoff's now."

After Drizella had been at Geoff Small's Pukekohe stable for about 10 days, he reported, "Things are pretty positive. It's early days yet, but she does give you a positive feel. We're just starting on some pace work, now that she is used to the place, so we'll see how she goes, but so far things are very positive."

So it will be interesting to see how Drizella progresses this time in training and hopefully she will continue on what sounds like a very positive path.

Here are a couple of photos taken at Geoff's barn on the 15th October ...



Karen Breckon with Drizella



Drizella - not too happy to pose

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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, you will find the 'Six of the Best Syndicate' section, then scroll to the bottom and you will find your newsletters.

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

The positive progress continues with your fillies in their early formative times, so I'm sure they will provide lots of fun and excitement once they reach the racetrack and commence their racing careers.

Again, I hope that your involvement in this Breckon Farms Syndicate brings you lots of thrills and rewards.

Good luck and let's hope there are many wins to come ...

Cheers

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