

## Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

With four of your five fillies back in work and making progress towards further racing, we can now hopefully look forward to a lot more action than we have seen over the previous season.

As advised in my email on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, having experienced this somewhat reduced level of racing, with only two of your fillies actually making it to the races as 2-year-olds, and of course the sad demise of Deutz Doos back in May, this has resulted in a corresponding reduction in costs incurred last season and so a payout of approximately \$4,000 per share was to be arranged to be made to members.

So, let's hope that we can now look forward to building on the 2 wins achieved last season by Spandau Ballet and Luby Lou and a more active and successful season for your fillies racing as 3-year-olds during this season.

Luby Lou is to remain being pre-trained by Steve Boyd until after "Cup Week", so she is set to return to the All Stars Stable then and will be virtually set to go with a workout run or two before going on to resume her race career.

The Peacemaker attended the workouts last Saturday at Cambridge and ran a pleasing 4<sup>th</sup> placing there, just getting a bit tired over the last bit. She will go again this Saturday and then Mike will make a decision on whether she is ready to make her race debut.

Spandau Ballet returned to training on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October and is now to be trained by a new trainer, in Brent Mangos.

Drizella is making good progress in her training and is about a month away from going to the workouts.

The Vicars Daughter is still spelling and is set to have a total of 6 months out and return at the end of December.

I'm sure there will be some exciting times to look forward to, as your fillies 3-year-old season will soon be underway.

Good luck for the upcoming action !!!

I hope you enjoy the read.

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

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

**Luby Lou** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After completing her 8-week spell, Luby Lou returned to training on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, looking good and set to go again for a new campaign.

Luby Lou was to go to Steve Boyd's to be pretrained, originally for 4 weeks before transferring to the All Stars Stable of Mark and Natalie, but in a change of plans, she is now to remain with Steve until the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

This is of course after "Cup Week", which is always a very busy time for the All Stars team, so Mark has decided it would be best for Luby Lou to remain with Steve until then.

Of course, she will then be well advanced in her training by then and will only need topping off by Mark and his team, before she should be ready to trial and race soon after.

Having shown her ability by winning her only race start to date, it will certainly be exciting to see Luby Lou back on the track.

As I have said, I'm sure there is a very exciting 3-year-old racing season ahead for her.



Trainer **Barry Purdon / Brent Mangos** :-

**Spandau Ballet** (Bettor's Delight – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Since last racing way back on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, in the Group 1 Caduceus Club Fillies Classic, Spandau Ballet has been enjoying an extended spell at Breckon Farms.

She was then set to return to training, as per her revised return date of the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Consideration was given to a change in trainer in the interests of costs, as her previous trainer Barry Purdon thought that she probably wouldn't be up to the best 3-year-old fillies and may only win another race or two.

It was decided that Spandau Ballet would transfer to Brent Mangos' barn and it was arranged for her to go there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Spandau Ballet immediately started jogging to increase her fitness and as she has been out spelling for such a long time, it is likely that she will spend 6-8 weeks jogging, before doing another 6 weeks of hopped work and then being ready to attend the workouts, for final preparations for her return to racing.

This of course will mean that it will probably be the New Year before Spandau Ballet makes it back to the races, so hopefully it will be well worth waiting for.

**Trainer Mike Berger :-**

**The Vicars Daughter** (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

Following her developing some trouble with her breathing, the vet recommended that The Vicars Daughter be sent for an extended spell, to give her the chance to grow out of this problem, as many young, immature horses do.

So she was to commence her spell on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, at Breckon Farms and is scheduled to have 6 months in the paddock, before returning to training at the end of December.

Breckon Farms, Farm Manager, Scott Yarnley says The Vicars Daughter is still doing well, despite all the continuing wet weather that the Waikato (and most other areas of New Zealand) has been experiencing.

Let's hope that The Vicars Daughter can grow out of this problem and manage to overcome her trouble naturally through this time in the paddock.

**Trainer Mike Berger :-**

**The Peacemaker** (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

After completing her 6-week spell at Breckon Farms, The Peacemaker returned to training with Mike on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. He reported that she looked OK, but hadn't put on much condition, as is often the case during a winter break.

The Peacemaker starting jogging straight away to build-up her fitness and after a month was ready to move on to hopped work.

She has made good progress through her hopped work, with Mike advising that he hasn't worked her too hard, as he was trying to get condition on her and the fact that she may have been having a growth spurt may have complicated this.

The Peacemaker was then ready on schedule to attend the workouts on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, with Mike saying, "We'll just see how she goes and then decide whether she needs another run or not [before making her race debut]."

This run at the workouts was to be at Cambridge, where she competed in Mobile Pace, over 2200m.

The Peacemaker drew out at Barrier No.7, in an 8-horse field and was to be driven by Ben Butcher.

The Peacemaker was quite keen up behind the gate, but Ben was able to get her away quietly, sitting out wide until she settled and then pressing on to go around to the front with about 1800m to go.

She led them up, but tired a little in the last little bit and faded to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> placing, but only about 2½ lengths from the winner.

The winner was Bettor Edition, in a time of 2:51.5 (MR 2:05.4), with the final 800m completed in 59.9 and the 400m in 29.2.

Mike said, "I was happy enough with her. She drove pretty good. She led up, but got a bit tired the last bit and finished fourth. The winner is pretty smart, so I was happy with that. I have a fixed hood on her, to keep her settled and steering right. She's a hell of a lot better this time in. She can just get a bit keen. That run should help clean her up. We'll go again next week and see where to from there."

I'm sorry there are no photos of this workout, as I was unable to be at Cambridge on Saturday.

So, The Peacemaker will have another run at the workouts this Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> October, at Cambridge and I will confirm this, with the details, once they are available.

### **Trainer Mike Berger :-**

#### **Drizella** (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

After having a delayed return to training, as she had suffered from an abscess in her foot, Drizella was to return to trainer Mike Berger's stable on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

She has made good progress since her return, with Mike advising on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, "The big girl's doing everything right. She's been back in 8 weeks now and is pacing along nicely, so far. She should be at the trials in about a month."

It will be great to see Drizella continue her progress and make it to the workouts in about a month's time.

If this is to be before your next newsletter, I will confirm the details by email when they are available.

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

Cheers

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