

Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

Day light savings time has arrived and that means we are getting closer to summer, but there are still a few twists in the tail of winter yet, as we have already experienced this week.

Still, spring is a great time of year and the blossoms have been out in abundance and the new season foals have started to arrive. We have already seen some good spring racing and it won't be long before we are in full swing and right into the classic racing – we are literally only one month away from the NZ Cup ... can you believe that?

Luby Lou has completed her time pre-training with Tim Trathen and has transferred to the All Stars stable. She is doing well and all is on track for a run at the workouts in about 3-4 weeks time, in preparation for her return to racing.

WON'T THAT BE GREAT ?

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

As advised last month, Luby Lou was a leading contender for the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year award and duly obliged, winning this prestigious award.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Off the track, your filly **Luby Lou** was crowned the **NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year** at the awards night held on the 29th September.

Luby Lou received a 25-out-of-25 possible votes for this award, so **WELL DONE !!!**



Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate Members & Mark Purdon with the trophy – kindly supplied by Gary Williams

Here is the latest information on your filly:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Having returned to training on the 6th August after an enforced spell due to injury, Luby Lou was to spend some 8 weeks being pre-trained by Tim Trathen.

Her leg that was injured looked really good and everything was fine with this, as she progressed through her time with Tim.

Luby Lou completed her time at Tim's and was set to transfer to the All Stars Stable, on schedule at the beginning of October.

She immediately began to step up to her more serious work as she completes her final preparations in readiness to attend the workouts in about a month's time.

Mark Purdon advised on the 12th October, "She's been here a couple of weeks now. She's trotting good and her leg seems really good. She should be set to go to the workouts in 3 or 4 weeks. I'm happy with her at this stage."

So, Luby Lou will increase her speed work over the next few weeks and hopefully will be ready to go to the workouts early in November.

It is great that she appears to have made a full recovery from her very unfortunate injury and I'm sure there will be some very exciting times ahead once she makes her return to racing.

As mentioned above, Luby Lou was the winner of the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year award, so all was not lost in the latter part of last season. The photo to the right shows Ken Breckon and Gary Williams with the coveted trophy, kindly sent in by Gary.

Below is a photo of Luby Lou in the washbay at the All Stars barn, sent to me by Ken Breckon, but I suspect it was actually taken by Phil and Glenys Kennard during a visit to the stable. If it was you guys, many thanks !!!



2018 NZ Harness Racing Awards

The NZB Standardbred NZ Harness Racing Awards were presented at Alexandra Park in Auckland, on the 29th September and once again Breckon Farms were to feature in a star-studded night.

Of course, Lazarus repeated his Australian feat, taking out the prestigious Horse of the Year award, as well as Pacer of the Year and 5YO+ Pacer of the Year. In New Zealand, Lazarus went unbeaten in the 2017/18 season, winning four-from-four for \$495,185, including the "Holy Grail" the Group 1 NZ Trotting Cup.

After his record-breaking sale to USA interests in April, Lazarus' former owners attended Saturday night's function in his honour, to salute their champion one last time. Philip and Glenys Kennard, who selected Lazarus at the yearling sales in 2014, along with fellow owner Trevor Casey, are members of the Breckon Farms Syndicates, so it was great to see them enjoying a final hurrah to their beloved equine star, with Philip giving a very emotional final speech, followed by a glowing tribute to Lazarus by his Australasian trainer Mark Purdon.

Breckon Farms were very proud to be directly involved with nominees for seven of the categories on offer, having nominees for the 2YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year (part-owners of Another Masterpiece – Bettor's Delight / Elegant Art), 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year (breeders of Elle Mac – Bettor's Delight / Goodlookinggirl), 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year (owners of Partyon – Bettor's Delight / Beach Parade, raced by the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate), 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year (breeders and owners of Tickle Me Pink – Muscle Hill / Luby Ann, raced by the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate), 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year (breeders and owners of Luby Lou – Muscle Hill / Luby Ann, raced by the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate), Pacing Broodmare of the Year (owners of Goodlookinggirl – Christian Cullen / Twice As Good) and Breeder of the Year (Breckon Farms).

Breckon Farms related award winners on the night were Another Masterpiece (2YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year), who is part-owned by the Breckon Racing Syndicate, together with Phil and Glenys Kennard, along with Jim and Ann Gibbs and Garry and Kerry Woodham; Princess Tiffany (3YO Pacing Filly of the Year) who was bred and reared at Breckon Farms for breeders Braeden and Caroline Whitelock; and Luby Lou (3YO Trotting Filly of the Year) who was bred by Breckon Farms and is raced by the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate. Phil and Glenys Kennard also took out the Owner of the Year award, while Braeden and Caroline Whitelock were awarded the Breeder of the Year title. It was interesting to see that Tickle Me Pink (raced by the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate) just missed out on winning the 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year title by only one vote, while Princess Tiffany and Luby Lou were unanimous winners, each collecting all 25 available votes in their respective categories.

The Breckon Farms sponsored 2YO Trotting Colt or Gelding of the Year award went to Enhance Your Clam, while the Breckon Farms sponsored Trotter of the Year title was taken out by Speeding Spur, who made a return to racing after suffering a serious injury, winning the Group 1 Rowe Cup and Group 1 NZ Trotting Championship during the season.

Remarkably, Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen, who took out the Trainer of the Year award, together with other family and their owners were dominating winners on the night, taking out a cumulative 16 awards in total.

The premier human award for the season, the Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing, went to husband-and-wife team Steve and Anne Phillips, who have been involved in volunteer work within the industry for over 30 years, including amateur driving, Kidz Kartz, cadets and education as well as being breeders, owners and trainers, while Sheree Tomlinson and her family were the winners of the public-elect 'Moment of the Year' for Amaretto Sun's upset win in the Dominion Handicap.

Bettor's Delight and Majestic Son repeated their Australian wins after dominant siring seasons in New Zealand too, winning the awards for Pacing and Trotting Stallions of the Year respectively.

The full list of 2018 New Zealand Harness Racing Award winners is:-

Pacers

Vincent 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year - **PRINCESS TIFFANY**

IRT New Zealand 2YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year - **ANOTHER MASTERPIECE**

Alabar 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year - **SHEZ ALL ROCK**

Lone Star Alexandra Park Coming Soon 3YO Pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year - **CHASE AUCKLAND**

Dunstan Feeds 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year - **UTMOST DELIGHT**

HRNZ Marketing 4YO Pacing Entire or Gelding of the Year - **ULTIMATE MACHETE**

Canterbury Equine Clinic 5YO & Older Pacing Mare of the Year - **JO'S DREAM**

Hanley Formula 5YO & Older Pacing Entire or Gelding of the Year - **LAZARUS**

Woodlands Stud Pacer of the Year - **LAZARUS**

Trotters

Standardbreds Make Awesome Pets 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year - **CHEERFUL**

Breckon Farms 2YO Trotting Colt or Gelding of the Year - **ENHANCE YOUR CALM**

What The Hill 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year - **LUBY LOU**

Commodore Airport Hotel 3YO Trotting Colt or Gelding of the Year - **WINTERFELL**

Somerset Racing Stables & Equestrian 4YO Trotting Mare of the Year - **BONNIE HIGHLANDER**

Trackside 4YO Trotting Entire or Gelding of the Year - **HABIBI INTA**

Emblems NZ 5YO & Older Trotting Mare of the Year - **DESTINY JONES**

Lone Star Spitfire at Christchurch Airport 5YO & Older Trotting Entire or Gelding of the Year - **SPEEDING SPUR**

Breckon Farms Trotter of the Year - **SPEEDING SPUR**

Breeding

The Breeders Pacing Broodmare of the Year - **BETHANY**

The Breeders Trotting Broodmare of the Year - **TEN TO ONE**

The Breeders/FastTrack Insurance Breeder of the Year - **BRAEDEN & CAROLINE WHITELOCK**

The Auckland Trotting Club Pacing Stallion of the Year - **BETTOR'S DELIGHT**

The Breeders Trotting Stallion of the Year - **MAJESTIC SON**

Driver, Trainer & Cadet

Southern Harness Leading Junior Driver - **MATT ANDERSON**

Cruickshank Leading Junior Driver UDR - **NATHAN PURDON**

Harness Racing New Zealand Leading Driver - **BLAIR ORANGE**

Garrards Horse and Hound Leading Trainer - **MARK PURDON & NATALIE RASMUSSEN**

Airpark Canterbury Cadet of the Year - **ELLIE BARRON**

Airpark Canterbury Runner Up - Cadet of the Year - **LUKE WHITTAKER**

Special

Met Multiplier \$1.5m Milestone Owner of the Year - **PHILLIP & GLENYS KENNARD**
NZ Racing Board Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing - **STEVE & ANNE PHILLIPS**

The Informant Best Moment of the Season - **SHEREE TOMLINSON/FORD FAMILY - AMARETTO SUN DOMINION WIN**

Overall

NZB Standardbred Horse of the Year – **LAZARUS**

Congratulations must go to all horses and connections, trainers and drivers and all other award winners for their successes in winning awards and of course especially Ken and Karen Breckon, Philip and Glenys Kennard, Trevor Casey and the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate. **WELL DONE !!!**



Luby Lou wins the Group 1 NZ Trotting Derby



Luby Lou's connections with her NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year trophy

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.

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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.

Good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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