

Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

Welcome to another monthly newsletter for the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate.

The last month has flown by and already we have received some very encouraging reports on your fillies, but as I always say, we have to be patient !!!

With the positive reports and action with some of your fillies over the last few weeks, we are well on our way to what looks like will be lots of fun and excitement.

I look forward to meeting you all personally soon, especially once things start to happen at the workouts, trials, or even races.

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

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

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After receiving an excellent report from Mark Smolenski who broke her in, Luby Lou was driven by Mark Purdon prior to be sent for a spell. Mark Purdon was pleased with her and after her 6 week spell, Luby Lou was to return to training at All Stars stable.

She had a 6-week preparation this time in training and once again received very good reports, before then going for another spell.

She returned to the All Stars stable on the 8th August, after enjoying 7 weeks out and looked in great order on her return.

Luby Lou has once again been working well in her training and has worked a 66 seconds half [800m] on the straight track at Mark and Natalie's property.

Stable Manager, Michelle Neilson, reported this week, "She's going along nicely. Mark is pleased with her. He will decide if she is going to make an early 2-year-old or not and if she is looking likely and forward enough, she could go to the Cup Week Trials. That's about the time those ones who are looking like making it early start going to the trials. It will be up to Mark."

So, we will have to wait and see if Luby Lou is progressing well enough over the next couple of months, before we know if she is a chance to make it as an early 2-year-old.

It certainly will be exciting if she does, but we'll have to wait and see, at this early stage.

Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Spandau Ballet (Bettor's Delight – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Having been broken-in by Todd Macfarlane and receiving good reports, Spandau Ballet was sent for a 3-month spell at Breckon Farms.

She did well there during her time out and returned to training with Barry Purdon, on the 9th June, for her second preparation.

Barry very much liked Spandau Ballet and had some very positive comments to make about her. She completed her second preparation and returned to Breckon Farms on the 9th August for a further 4-6 week spell.

Barry has advised this week that Spandau Ballet will return to training next week and commence a more serious preparation.

The plan is that she should be going along by January and if she's up to it, she will go on to trial in preparation to race as an early 2-year-old.

If Spandau Ballet can make it through to trialling and racing, I'm sure it will be very exciting times for you all.

Deutzy Doos (Muscle Hill – Love Ya Doosie)

Todd Macfarlane also broke-in Deutzy Doos and Todd's comments were very positive regarding her too.

She then returned to Breckon Farms for a spell, starting on the 11th March and was to return to trainer Barry Purdon's stable on the 9th June, to start her second preparation.

Barry also gave Deutzy Doos some positive comments and after completing her second preparation, she too went for another spell back at Breckon Farms on the 9th August.

Like Spandau Ballet, Deutzy Doos is to return to training next week and commence a more serious preparation.

Barry is looking to have Deutzy Doos going in February, as there aren't any races for her before March, so it will also be very interesting to see how she progresses over the next few months.



Trainer Mike Berger :-

The Vicars Daughter (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

Mike Berger is to be the trainer of The Vicars Daughter and he too broke her in.

He was very pleased with the way she broke-in and sent her for a spell once this was completed, on the 12th April. The Vicars Daughter also went to Breckon Farms for her spell.

She has now completed her time out, having virtually 4 months off, and returned to Mike's Cambridge stable last week.

Things will get a little more serious for The Vicars Daughter this time in training, as Mike will get her running along and see what she is capable of time-wise.

Depending on how she handles things, after she is running along nicely, 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 once again and press on from there, to hopefully make it to the races.

The Peacemaker (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

The Peacemaker was broken-in by Mark Smolenski, but unfortunately did not receive such positive reports, with Mark thinking that she may not be mentally focussed enough to fit into the All Stars Team of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen.

The Peacemaker continued her education through her second preparation with Mark Smolenski, which ran until the 24th July, before she was once again sent for another spell.

She continued her spell at Mark's property until it was confirmed that she would have her next preparation with Cambridge horseman and trainer Mike Berger. This was considered the best course of action, to ensure that she received more personal and individual attention, which it is thought, will be beneficial to helping her with her future as a racehorse.

The Peacemaker was then to travel north and arrived at Breckon Farms on the 1st September.

Farm Manager, Scott Yarndley, advised, "She's a big filly and a nice looking filly too. She will have 2 weeks here and then go across to Mike Berger."

The Peacemaker went to Mike Berger's on the 12th September, so it will be interesting to see what progress she can make in this preparation with Mike and hopefully she will respond to the attention she will certainly get and will be able to advance on to be a positive racing proposition. Only time will tell.



Trainer Geoff Small :-

Drizella (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Mike Berger also broke-in Drizella, but did have to spend a lot longer time with her.

He said that she took virtually twice as long as The Vicars Daughter, because she was so tough, but Mike prefers to keep them going longer to settle them down, when they are like that, but he said she came right in the end, having lost the plot a couple of times in the process.

Drizella is from a tough family and as Mike thought she might be a bit of a handful when she comes back in, he was keen to get her back initially next time for a few weeks, to settle her down before she goes to her trainer Geoff Small.

After her prolonged time of being broken-in, Drizella was eventually doing everything right, so she was sent for a spell, also at Breckon Farms, on the 13th June.

She too has now completed her time out, having had close to 3 months in the spelling paddock and returned to Mike's Cambridge stable last week, along with The Vicars Daughter.

Mike will do a few weeks with her to settle her down first, before she is transferred to Geoff Small's Pukekohe stable.

Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown

As previously advised, Breckon Farms Syndicates were to have three contestants at this year's Australasian Breeders Crown Finals and it certainly was an exciting day for all in attendance and I'm sure, for all those watching at home too.

The Breckon Farms – Super Seven Syndicate 3YO trotting filly High Gait was very brave in defeat, running 2nd to the hot favourite Wilmas Mate, to complete a Kiwi quinella, in the Group 1 Haras Des Trotteurs Breeders Crown Series 18 (3YO Trotting Fillies) Final.

The next Final was the Group 1 Aldebaran Park Breeders Crown Series 19 (2YO Trotting Fillies) Final that remarkably featured High Gait's half-sister Our Regal Love – a truly amazing feat by the dam Regal Volo, who is owned by Breckon Farms. Our Regal Love was also sent out a warm favourite and ran a brave race from her tricky 2nd Row draw, to be beaten by outsider Kyvalley Kyrie, trained and driven by ex-pat Kiwis Brent Lilley and Anthony Butt. Our Regal Love finished a gallant 2nd placing for the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate.

Then in the Group 1 Alabar Breeders Crown Series 19 (2YO Fillies) Final, the unbeaten Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate filly Partyon was sent out a hot odds-on favourite despite drawing the awkward outside Front Line barrier and under a masterful drive from trainer Mark Purdon was sent straight to the front and rebuffed sustained pressure for an amazing win in Track Record time, posting an incredible 1:54.4 Mile Rate for 2240m, beating the previous mark by 1.8 seconds and also running a faster time than the 2YO Colts & Geldings, 3YO Fillies and 4YO Mares, and the same time as the 4YO Entires & Geldings.

This win completed a treble on the day for trainer/driver Mark Purdon, another remarkable feat having lined up just 5 horses on the day, for 3 wins, 1 second and 1 fourth.

These efforts went towards making it a very good day for the New Zealanders, winning four Finals and adding a further 7 placings – quite incredible.

So, “Super Sunday”, as it is dubbed, once again proved to be a superb days racing and one in which the Breckon Farms Syndicates once again tasted sweet success.
CONGRATULATIONS !!!



Breckon Farms - The Top Ten Syndicate enjoy Partyon's win



Enjoying a ride in the carriage

A Rocknroll Dance 2016 North Island Harness Racing Awards

The North Island Awards Night was held in the Tasman Room, at Alexandra Park, on Saturday the 3rd September, with a great crowd of approximately 300 people in attendance.

The Breckon Farms – Top Ten Syndicate was represented by Ken & Karen, Simon & Julia and Jamie, as well as Coralee and myself joining the group and everyone seemed to enjoy their night.

There were many highlights on the night, from other syndicates wins, with the Woodlands Partnership Syndicate's (together with Kieran Read, Andy Ellis, Dick Taylor and Dave Hewett) Speeding Spur taking out the Trotter of the Year title, of course the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate filly Partyon taking out the North Island 2YO Filly of the Year award and Josh Dickie taking out the Driver of the Year, Luk Chin winning the major Racing Achievement Award and an emotional presentation to John & Colleen Butcher of the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing. A new award was made on the night for the Female Racing Accomplishment of the season and the inaugural winner of this award was Lyn Neal.

Also on the night, a fundraiser auction was held for a Service Fee to Sir Lincoln (sold for \$1,250), a set of framed 2016 Harness Jewels Colours signed by the winning Drivers & Trainers (\$2,500), a Fishing Trip for 2 with Ross Johnson & Tony Herlihy (\$6,000) and a Service Fee to A Rocknroll Dance (\$5,000).

A full list of award winners is as follows:-

2016 A ROCKNROLL DANCE NORTH ISLAND HARNES RACING AWARDS

Auckland Harness Racing Trust Premier Cadet Award: **Mark Johnson**

Dunstan Amateur Driver of the Year: **Cheree Wigg**

Premier Horse Transport Groom of the Year: **Nathan Delany**

Magness Video Ltd / Vid-Com Ltd Licence-to-Train/Owner-Trainer of the Year: **Tim Vince**

Mitavite Junior Driver of the Year: **Kyle Marshall**

PGG Wrightson 2 year old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Vasari**

PGG Wrightson 2 year old Filly of the Year: **Partyon**

Breckon Farms 2 year old Trotter of the Year: **Heavyweight Hero**

Breckon Farms 3 year old Trotter of the Year: **Temporale**

Crombie & Lockwood Bloodstock 3 year old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Shandale**

Crombie & Lockwood 3 year old Filly of the Year: **Arden's Choice**

Merv & Meg Butterworth Female Racing Achievement of the Year: **Lyn Neal**

Garrards Horse & Hound Owners of the Year: **Stonewall Stud**

Caduceus Club Filly/Mare of the Year: **Dream About Me**

NI Standardbred Breeders Association Breeder of the Year: **Woodlands Stud**

IRT Driver of the Year: **Josh Dickie**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Trainer of the Year: **Steve Telfer & Chris Garlick**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Broodmare of the Year: **Scuse Me**

Woodlands Stud Stallion of the Year: **Bettor's Delight**

HRNZ Trotter of the Year: **Speeding Spur**

Auckland Trotting Club Pacer of the Year: **Have Faith In Me**

Sir Lincoln at Lincoln Farms Racing Achievement Award: **Luk Chin**

A Rocknroll Dance Alabar/Nevele R Stud Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing: **John & Colleen Butcher**

Congratulations must go to all award recipients.



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, 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.

As I have said before, we are very excited with Breckon Farms fourth venture into syndication and with already many very positive reports, I'm sure the line-up you have of such a nicely bred group of fillies will provide lots of thrills and excitement in the future.

Once again, I sincerely hope that your involvement in this Syndicate will bring you many hours of fun, excitement and entertainment.

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

Cheers

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