

# Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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## September 2017 Newsletter

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Hi there

Once again this month has been a bit on the quiet side, but three of your fillies have now returned to training, so we are on the way to seeing some action soon.

The first of your fillies to return to work was The Peacemaker and she is making pleasing progress, having just started to bowl along and should be ready to attend the workouts mid to late October, in preparation to make her race debut.

Next to return to training was Drizella, who has now joined the Mike Berger stable, as advised last month. She came back into work looking good and after jogging for 3½ weeks, had her first strong work on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and will do about another 6 weeks hopped work before she should be ready to go to the workouts, on her path to qualifying and hopefully making it to the races.

Luby Lou completed 8 weeks out in the spelling paddock and returned to work on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. She is to be pre-trained by Steve Boyd for 4 weeks and will then move on to the All Stars Stable to start some more serious training. It will certainly be great to see her when she makes it back to the races.

Spandau Ballet was originally scheduled to return from her extended spell on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, but trainer Barry Purdon has decided that she will benefit from a little longer out and so she is now set to return to his stable on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, meaning she will then have had over 5 months out. I'm sure this time will serve her well and will ensure she has her best chance of making it back to win more races.

The Vicars Daughter continues her extended spell and as she is due to have 6 months out, she will be due back in at the end of December.

I'm sure we have some exciting times to look forward to as your fillies 3-year-old season heads towards getting underway.

I hope you enjoy the read.



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

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

**Luby Lou** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After her excellent win in a Breeders Crown Heat at Addington, on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, where she beat the eventual Breeders Crown Final winner Renezmae, Luby Lou was sent for a spell. This was seen to be in her best interests and to bypass a trip to Australia at that early stage of her career, giving her a chance to mature, both physically and mentally.

Luby Lou returned from her spell on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, having completed a total of 8 weeks out in the paddock. She spent her time at Trackside frontman Greg O'Connor's property, being very well looked after by his wife.

Luby Lou was sent to Steve Boyd to be pre-trained for 4 weeks and at the beginning of October will join the All Stars Stable to commence her more serious preparation on her path to her impending return to racing.

I'm sure will all have a very exciting 3-year-old racing season ahead.

Trainer **Barry Purdon** :-

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

Spandau Ballet last raced quite some time ago, back on the 21<sup>st</sup> April in fact, as a 2-year-old in the Group 1 Caduceus Club Fillies Classic and has been enjoying an extended spell at Breckon Farms since then.

Spandau Ballet was scheduled return to training on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, but it was decided by her trainer Barry Purdon that she would benefit from an additional month out, so she is now scheduled to return to training on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

This will mean that she would have then had a little over 5 months in the spelling paddock and this should have been of immense benefit to her to assist in her maturing both physically and mentally.

She should now be ready to return for her 3-year-old racing in the New Year.

Unfortunately, Spandau Ballet was not successful in her bid to be named the PGG Wrightson – North Island 2-Year-Old Filly of the Year, with this award going to New York Rain, when it was presented at the North Island Awards Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Trainer **Mike Berger** :-

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

After developing some trouble with her breathing, The Vicars Daughter was to be sent for a prolonged spell under the recommendation of the vet.

It was suggested that it may be possible that she would simply grow out of this problem, as she was still young and immature, and so it was decided to give her the chance to get over her trouble naturally through time in the paddock.

So, The Vicars Daughter was sent for a 6-month spell on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Breckon Farms, Farm Manager, Scott Yarnley reports that she continues to do well, despite all the wet weather we have had.

I'm sure this extended time out will help The Vicars Daughter and give her the best chance to naturally overcome her breathing problem.

**Trainer Mike Berger :-**

**The Peacemaker** (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

After qualifying back on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, The Peacemaker had one more run at the workouts to gain a little more experience, before it was decided that she too should go for a spell.

She too went to Breckon Farms for her spell, along with her "best friend" The Vicars Daughter, but The Peacemaker was to have a much shorter spell of some 6 weeks.

She returned to training on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, looking OK, but not having 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.

Mike reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, "She's just started bowling along. It took a little longer jogging, as I wanted to get a bit of weight on her first, but she's all OK now."

The Peacemaker will do about 6 weeks of hopped work, then she should be ready to attend the workouts around Mid-October, in preparation for her to make her race debut.

This should be early in November, so it will be great to see another of your fillies make it to the races.

**Trainer Mike Berger :-**

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

Drizella's return from her spell was delayed a couple of weeks as she developed an abscess in her foot and as she was a little lame on it, this had to be treated and she needed time to fully recovery before returning to training.

This was completed and she returned to her new trainer Mike Berger's stable on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Mike advised, "She's come in looking really good. She's a nice looking filly."

Hopefully her break will have helped her develop and strengthen and assist with her gait as she progresses through this preparation in training.

Mike reported on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, "She had her first strong work today. It will be about 6 weeks and she should be ready for the workouts."

As Mike has said, it is hoped that Drizella will be ready to attend the workouts around the end of October or the beginning of November and then go on to the Qualifying Trials after that and be set to commence her racing career, probably in December.

It will be interesting to follow her progress as she works towards this.



### **Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown**

Following in the great tradition of Breckon Farms Syndicate horses over the years, the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate filly Partyon went a brave race in her Breeders Crown Final to finish a gallant 3<sup>rd</sup> placing, thus adding to the growing list of successful performers on "Super Sunday".

### **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

To add to the amazing record of Breckon Farms bred horses at the Australasian Breeders Crown, King Of Swing (Rocknroll Hanover / Twist And Twirl) was the winner of this year's Group 1 \$285,000 Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown Series 20 (2YO Colts & Geldings) Final. Our CONGRATULATIONS go to the owners Lincoln Farms Ltd, SB Fleming, RG Fleming and N McAlister, who purchased the colt at the 2016 Yearling Sales for \$80,000.

Interestingly, King Of Swing's dam Twist And Twirl is out of Giveitawhirlgirl and so is a half or full-sister to Breckon Farms Syndicate horses Spin To Win (Super Seven Syndicate), Double Twist (Top Ten Syndicate), Spandau Ballet (Six Of The Best Syndicate) and Reachforthetill (The Perfect Ten Syndicate).

Code Black (Bettor's Delight / Christian Watch) also bred by Breckon Bloodstock finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group 2 \$50,000 Hygain Breeders Crown Championship (4YO Entires & Geldings).

So, all-in-all it was a good day's racing for the farm.



**King Of Swing wins his 2YO Final**



**Partyon is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3YO Fillies Final**

## **2017 ALWAYS B MIKI NORTH ISLAND HARNESS RACING AWARDS**

The North Island Awards night was held on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at Alexandra Park in Auckland and details of the 2017 winners are:-

Auckland Harness Racing Trust Premier Cadet Award: **Erin Isherwood**

Dexion Amateur Driver of the Year: **Sheryl Wigg**

Kahukuri Bloodstock – Hollis & Robertson Groom of the Year: **Yvette Hughes**

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

Mitavite Junior Driver of the Year: **Dylan Ferguson**

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

PGG Wrightson 2 year old Filly of the Year: **New York Rain**

Breckon Farms 2 year old Trotter of the Year: **Paramount King**

Breckon Farms 3 year old Trotter of the Year: **C K Spur**

Dunstan 3 year old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Jack's Legend**

Dunstan 3 year old Filly of the Year: **American Empress**

Merv & Meg Butterworth Female Racing Achievement of the Year: **Arna Donnelly**

Garrards Horse & Hound Owners of the Year: **Bernie Lim**

Caduceus Club Filly/Mare of the Year: **The Orange Agent**

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

IRT Driver of the Year: **David Butcher**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Trainer of the Year: **John & Josh Dickie**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Broodmare of the Year: **Splendid Dreams**

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

Harness Racing New Zealand Trotter of the Year: **Temporale**

Auckland Trotting Club Aged Pacer of the Year: **Dream About Me**

Sir Lincoln - Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Racing Achievement Award: **Steven Reid**

Always B Miki Alabar/Nevele R Stud Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing: **Tony Dickinson**

Congratulations must go to all award recipients. **Well done !!!**

### **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.

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

Cheers

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