

Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

Well at last, it appears that spring has sprung. This week has been a much warmer and drier week, so hopefully it's onwards and upwards from here for some good spring weather and racing.

Luby Lou returned to training on the 6th August and is being pre-trained by Tim Trathen. She will complete this phase of her preparation and return to the All Stars stable in the second week of October.

Despite her 3-year-old season being cut short by a very unfortunate injury, Luby Lou still managed to establish an enviable record in her short 4-race campaign, winning three of her races, the Southland Trotting Oaks, the Group 2 NZ Trotting Oaks and of course the highlight of her season was a win in the Group 1 NZ Derby, beating the boys.

Then due to her injury she missed her opportunity to compete in such races as the Northern Trotting Oaks, the Sires Stakes Trotters Champs, the Northern Trotting Derby and the Harness Jewels, before a planned trip across the Tasman for the Breeders Crown, but is still a leading contender for the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year award, to be announced at the National Awards Night at Alexandra Park, on the 29th September.

GOOD LUCK for this prestigious award !!!

Hopefully you can make it along to support her at this event.

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



Here is the latest information on your filly:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Luby Lou returned to training on the 6th August, following her enforced spell due to injury and was sent to be pre-trained by Tim Trathen.

Tim has advised that her leg looks really good and everything seems to be fine there.

Luby Lou will be spending 8 weeks at Tim's and will complete this stage of her preparation at the end of the first week in October.

She will then return to the All Stars stable in the second week of October to begin the more serious stage of her training.

So, it does appear that Luby Lou is fully recovered from her very unfortunate injury and I'm sure some very exciting times lie ahead once she has attained her race fitness and is ready to make a return to racing.

Luby Lou is also in the running for the NZ 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year title that is to be announced at the NZ Harness Racing Awards on the 29th September, at Alexandra Park, so you should get along to this event if you are able, to give her your support.

Breckon Farms at the 2018 Breeders Crown

The Breckon Farms Syndicates have had a great record at the Australasian Breeders Crown over the years (with winners High Gait and Partyon and placegetters Linda Lovegrace, High Gait, Regal Love and Partyon), but unfortunately this year was not to be one of them.

The Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate was to have a representative at this year's Breeders Crown, with (So) Tickle Me Pink in contention. In fact, Tickle Me Pink was installed an early hot favourite to take out the Final, but sadly this was not to be. As she didn't handle the big trip across the Tasman too well, losing condition and underperforming in the Redwood Classic (finishing 5th) and her Breeders Crown Heat (finishing 3rd), the decision was made to withdraw from the series and head home for a spell.

However, this year it was left to Breckon Farms bred fillies and mares to fly the flag, as so many have done in the past with Breeders Crown Champions Katy Perry, High Gait and King Of Swing being bred by Breckon Farms and Glenferrie Shuffle and Miss Moonlite having been bred on the farm.

This year Breckon Farms were represented by no less than six runners, that were either Breckon Farms bred or part-owned, or bred at Breckon Farms.

It was once again a successful year, with Stress Factor (Majestic Son / Fear Factor) bred by Breckon Farms taking out the Group 1 \$70,000 Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown Series 20 (3YO Trotting Colts & Geldings) Final, (Our) Princess Tiffany (Art Major / Dancing Diamonds) bred by Braeden and Caroline Whitelock at Breckon Farms winning the Group 1 \$290,000 Always B Miki Alabar Breeders Crown Series 21 (2YO Fillies) Final and Just Rockon Bye (Christian Cullen / OK Rock) bred by Breckon Farms taking out the \$20,000 Always B Miki Alabar Breeders Crown Graduate Cup.

Unfortunately, it didn't work out quite so well on the night for (I'm) Another masterpiece, co-owned by the Breckon Racing Syndicate, along with Glenys & Phil Kennard (also Breckon Farms Syndicate members), Jim & Anne Gibbs and Garry & Kerry Woodham, in the Group 1 \$290,000 Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown Series 21 (2YO Colts & Geldings) Final, where he was checked out of the race at the start and while mounting a huge effort after an excellent drive by Mark Purdon, he just found his early exertions a little too much when they ran a sizzling last 800m in 54.5 seconds and had to settle for a valiant 3rd placing, only 5.4m from the winner.

So, once again it was a great night's racing and with great results for Breckon Farms and we offer CONGRATULATIONS to all successful connections on the night.



Stress Factor wins the 2018 Breeders Crown 2YO Trotting C&G Final



Princess Tiffany's connections after her Final win to make it 9-from-9

Always B Miki 2018 North Island Harness Racing Awards

The Always B Miki North Island Awards Night was held in the Tasman Room, at Alexandra Park, on Saturday the 1st September, with a great crowd of approximately 350 people in attendance, in what was the 26th edition of these awards.

This year's very popular event on the Northern Harness Racing Calendar commenced with Pre-Dinner Drinks in the Lyell Creek Lounge, with patrons then moving to the Tasman Room, in the Centennial Stand, for a sumptuous 3-course dinner, while celebrating the recognition of industry achievements, with the night once again extremely well overseen by popular Masters of Ceremonies Greg O'Connor and in his second appearance southern counterpart Mark McNamara.

Notable equine award recipients were the 2-year-old pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year Supreme Dominator, the 2-year-old pacing Filly of the Year Princess Tiffany, the 2-year-old Trotter of the Year Tickle Me Pink, the 3-year-old pacing Colt or Gelding of the Year Triple Eight, the 3-year-old pacing Filly of the Year Ivana Flybye and the 3-year-old Trotter of the Year Monaro Mia. The up-and-coming young trainer Steve Telfer took out the Trainer of the Year award, while Princess Tiffany also took out the Filly / Mare of the Year category, with Speeding Spur taking out the Aged Trotter of the Year and Star Galleria the Aged Pacer of the Year.

Noteworthy human award winners were Sheridan Rapley as Groom of the Year, Benjamin Butcher as Junior Drivers of the Year, Braeden & Caroline Whitelock as Owners of the Year, Braeden & Caroline Whitelock also as Breeder of the Year, David Butcher once again as Driver of the Year and Michelle Wallis the Female Racing Accomplishment Award.

The special award for Racing Achievement was presented to John & Josh Dickie and Amanda Kiddie and the Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing Award was made to Murray & Deneece Goldsworthy who were instrumental in the establishment of the very successful Kidz Katz.

A quiz was staged amongst those in attendance with a prize of a Nespresso Coffee Machine kindly sponsored by Magness Video Ltd and there were several auctions on the night, for such items as a service fee to Sir Lincoln (donated by Lincoln Farms Bloodstock), a set of framed 2018 Harness Jewels colours signed by all the winning trainers and drivers, a fishing trip for two with Ross Johnson & Tony Herlihy and a service fee to Always B Miki (donated by Alabar & Nevele R Stud), all to raise funds for the North Island Harness Racing Awards Trust.

A full list of award winners is as follows:-

2018 ALWAYS B MIKI NORTH ISLAND HARNESS RACING AWARDS

Auckland Harness Racing Trust Premier Cadet Award: **Alicia Harrison**

Waikato Bay of Plenty Harness Amateur Driver of the Year: **Logan Darby**

Kahukuri Bloodstock – Hollis & Robertson Groom of the Year: **Sheridan Rapley**

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

Mitavite Junior Driver of the Year: **Benjamin Butcher**

PGG Wrightson 2-year-old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Supreme Dominator**

PGG Wrightson 2-year-old Filly of the Year: **Princess Tiffany**

Breckon Farms 2-year-old Trotter of the Year: **Tickle Me Pink**

Breckon Farms 3-year-old Trotter of the Year: **Monaro Mia**

Dunstan 3-year-old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Triple Eight**

Dunstan 3-year-old Filly of the Year: **Ivana Flybye**

Merv & Meg Butterworth Female Racing Achievement of the Year: **Michelle Wallis**

Garrards Horse & Hound Owners of the Year: **Braeden & Caroline Whitelock**

Caduceus Club Filly/Mare of the Year: **Princess Tiffany**

NI Standardbred Breeders Association Breeder of the Year: **Braeden & Caroline Whitelock**

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

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

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Broodmare of the Year: **Delicata**

HR Fisker & Sons Trotting Stallion of the Year: **Majestic Son**

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

Harness Racing New Zealand Trotter of the Year: **Speeding Spur**

Auckland Trotting Club Aged Pacer of the Year: **Star Galleria**

Sir Lincoln at Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Racing Achievement Award: **John & Josh Dickie and Amanda Kiddie**

Always B Miki Alabar/Nevele R Stud Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing: **Murray & Deneece Goldsworthy**

Breckon Farms had a significant involvement in the night, firstly as sponsors of the 2-year-old Trotter of the Year and 3-year-old Trotter of the Year awards, then having nominations for 2-year-old Filly of the Year (as breeders of Miss Streisand and with Princess Tiffany being foaled at Breckon Farms), 2-year-old Trotter of the Year (as breeders of Tickle Me Pink – raced by the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate), 3-year-old Trotter of the Year (as breeders of Girls On Film and Stress Factor), Owners of the Year (as a nominee), Filly / Mare of the Year (with Princess Tiffany being foaled at Breckon Farms), Breeder of the Year (as a nominee) and Broodmare of the Year (Goodlookinggirl).

It was great to see Tickle Me Pink take out the 2-year-old Trotter of the Year title, so **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate for this achievement and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all other 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, 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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