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Hi there

Welcome to your December newsletter for the Super Seven Syndicate.

Things are progressing well for your fillies and already you have had one attend the Qualifying Trials and others are heading that way soon too.

Six of your eight fillies are currently in training and generally things are progressing positively, so we are well on our way to hopefully having lots of fun and excitement.

It will be great to meet you all personally soon, especially once the action starts at the workouts, trials, or even hopefully the races.

I'm sure you are in for lots of fun and excitement, especially once the action really starts.



Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

High Gait (Muscles Yankee – Regal Volo)

After receiving a kick from another horse last month, Regal was given 10 days of just quiet work in training, while she recovered. This she did well and has continued on to please co-trainer Mark Purdon in her training since.

Mark has reported, "I'm very happy with her. She's coming down [in her times] nicely. She should be ready to go to the workouts early in January."



So, Regal is progressing well and everything is now very positive with her work. She is trotting along nicely and continues to further her education.

She has now been in training for a total of almost 3 months, but with her missing a little work with her injury, this did put her back a bit in her work. Regal is back on track now and it won't be long before she is to make her first public appearance.

I'm sure that this will prove to be exciting for us all.

Spin To Win (Mach Three – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Whirl made her first public appearance, a little earlier than expected, at the Rangiora Workouts on the 28th October, for a close-up 5th placing. She was to then be your first attendee at the Qualifying Trials, lining up at Addington on the 5th November, at the NZ Cup Trials, where she was to get 4-back on the markers and battle in to 6th placing and unfortunately miss qualifying.

It was a shocking day weather-wise and in very wet conditions not one of the 6 runners in the field was to qualify.

Whirl was then to be given a month off in the spelling paddock and has now returned to training with Mark and Natalie. She has just been back in about a week now and Mark reports that she "looks good" and will complete about a month's jogging, before she starts on her hopped work.

We'll have to see how Whirl comes up this time and how she progresses, especially when she moves onto her more serious hopped work, before we will know where we are heading with her.

This is likely to be some time in February.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Champagne Taste (Art Major – Affairs Are Bettor)

Having had her first preparation with trainer Tony Herlihy, where she showed a bit of an attitude, as Taste was such a big girl and still growing, she was sent for a good long spell.

It was decided best to give Taste about 3-4 months out in the spelling paddock and so she went out on the 2nd September to Breckon Farms. This means that she is set to return to training in the New Year.

Reports are that Taste is doing very well during a good spring for grass growth and she is already showing signs of benefiting a lot from this time out, growing and strengthening up as well. This should enable her to cope better with the rigours of training when she returns to work and ultimately when she becomes a racehorse.



Trainer Cran Dalgety :-

Double Shot (Bettor's Delight – Twice As Good)

Rhonda began her first preparation with trainer Cran Dalgety at the beginning of September, before being sent for a 4 week freshen up in the spelling paddock on the 7th November.

Cran was pleased with her progress during her time in training, but thought that she would benefit from a short break.

Rhonda returned to training at Cran's stable this week and he has reported, "She's quite a tall filly and looks good. We'll press on this time and see how she handles things."

So Rhonda will jog for about a month to increase her fitness, before moving on to hopped work and should be ready to make her appearance at the workouts in February too.

So hopefully Rhonda has gained the necessary benefit from her short freshen-up and will be able to continue on with her good progress and at least make it to the trials this time in.

Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Rockon Bye (Christian Cullen – OK Rock)

Rocky had 8-weeks out at Breckon Farms, returning to training with Barry Purdon on the 10th October. She had done well during her time out and returned looking good and ready to continue with her education.

Rocky still had a few funny traits, but did make progress as she continued in work.

This week Barry has reported, "She's doing everything pretty good generally, although just last week she did a funny leap forward, with all four feet off the ground, while she was in the cart. She is a nice pacer and it's really just a maturity thing, which I'm sure she'll grow out of. We'll bring her along and get her doing everything right and hopefully running a nice half [800m] at home, before we might then just tip her out for a wee break. She'll be alright."



So once again, let's hope that Rocky can continue to learn and improve, in her attitude and ability and maybe be able to show us something worthwhile next time in training.

It will be interesting to see how she does progress and hopefully she will learn to behave herself as well.

Trainer Geoff Small :-

Goodlookingbabe (Mach Three – Goodlookinggirl)

After her spell at Breckon Farms, Goodlookingbabe, or Precious as she is known, returned to work at the beginning of October.

She was to spend about 4 weeks back with Brent Donnelly, who originally broke her in, for some further education, before transferring to trainer Geoff Small's new stable at the Franklin Park Training Complex at Pukekohe on the 10th November.

Brent was very pleased with Precious and said that she had done everything right during her time with him and was then ready to carry on.

Geoff advised that, "She's settled in well and seems a nice filly. She gives me a nice feel."

Precious is progressing well so far and is now doing some strong hopped pace work in her training. Geoff has reported, "She's doing everything right so far and we should know around early January if we carry on with her and go to the trials, or where we're heading."

So, it appears that Precious is developing into a nice filly, so it will be interesting to see how she progresses over the next few weeks and to see where she will head from there.

Trainer John & Joshua Dickie :-

Factor The Odds (Pegasus Spur – Fear Factor)

Karen made pleasing progress in training with trainers John and Josh Dickie, receiving some very positive reports, but after completing 8 weeks in work she lightened up a little in condition and was growing, so it was decided best for her to have a decent break.

John advised that Karen could qualify as a 2-year-old, but thought she would be much better for being given some time to strengthen and grow now and to look more seriously at her 3-year-old racing.

So, Karen was sent for a long 6 months spell and will now look to do her racing as a 3-year-old

Karen has gone to Breckon Farms for her time out.

Congratulations Cran on an amazing Miracle Mile win

On the 29th November, the 49th running of the famed Miracle Mile took place in Sydney, becoming the second-fastest race in Australasian harness racing history, after the deeds this year of Christen Me.

The star Kiwi pacer gained revenge over local hero Beautide to claim the Group 1 \$750,000 SEW Eurodrive Miracle Mile at Tabcorp Park in a race record time of 1:49.1. Only recently retired champion Smoken Up has posted a faster time on Australian soil

courtesy of his 2011 Len Smith Mile victory in 1:48.5. In fact, Christen Me is the only Miracle Mile winner to have bettered 1:50 when winning the event since it was switched from its former home of Harold Park to Menangle back in 2009.

It was a masterful drive by top New Zealand reinsman Dexter Dunn, who settled Christen Me off a scorching early tempo, as Easy On The Eye, Avonnova and Suave Stuey Lombo declared war on each other through an opening quarter of 25.2 seconds. As the speed settled, Beautide took off and sat parked on the outside of Easy On The Eye and controlled the event before putting the leader away well before the home turn. The middle quarters were covered in 28.5 and 28.6 seconds, before at the top of the home straight, Beautide was left vulnerable as Christen Me, Guaranteed, For A Reason and Terror To Love all started to loom as dangers. As brave as Beautide was, it was Christen Me who took honours defeating the defending champion by a half-neck margin, with Guaranteed finishing third and Terror To Love in fourth. The last quarter of the race was posted in 26.8 seconds.



Cran Dalgety

Dexter commented after the race, "This is a career high for me and I can't thank Cran [Dalgety, the trainer] enough. All the hard work is done and I'm the lucky one to sit behind a special horse like this on raceday."

Christen Me, a gelded son of 1998 Miracle Mile winner Christian Cullen, is the first New Zealand trained winner of the glamour sprint since Monkey King proved successful in 2009. He has performed extremely well at Menangle, after winning the Chariots Of Fire as a 4YO and now the Miracle Mile, he has 3 wins and a second (in last year's Miracle Mile) from 4 starts on the 1400m track. He also has a Hunter Cup win to his credit in Australia.

Christen Me has proved himself to be a genuine Grand Circuit performer and can now legitimately lay claim to being the best harness racehorse in Australasia.

Of course, Christen Me is trained by Cran Dalgety, the trainer of your filly Double Shot, so congratulations Cran on a great achievement. Well done!!!



So good luck and many wins to come and of course ...



Merry
Christmas

& a Happy New Year



Cheers
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