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Hi there

Welcome to another monthly newsletter for the Super Seven Syndicate.

Happy New Year to you all !!!

I hope that you had a great festive season and all the best for your fillies hopefully making it to race successfully in 2015.

Things continue to progress well for your fillies that are currently in training and it seems it won't be very long before at least High Gait (Regal) and maybe Spin To Win (Whirl) are ready to go, likely to be in the next week infact.

Then towards the end of this month, Goodlookingbabe (Precious) should be ready to go to the workouts/trials and Rockon Bye (Rocky) is only about 4 weeks away too.

Then after that, it will be Double Shot (Rhonda) turn, in about another 8-9 weeks.

So there is plenty of upcoming action to look forward to.

Of course, Champagne Taste (Taste) is due back into training in the next week or so and Factor The Odds (Karen) is still out enjoying her long spell.

I'm sure the action is about to hot up, so I will be in touch by email with updates, as and when these are available.

In the meantime, **GOOD LUCK** with all your fillies impending assignments.

I look forward to meeting you personally soon, hopefully once all the action starts at the workouts, trials, or maybe even at the races.



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Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

High Gait (Muscles Yankee – Regal Volo)

Regal was ready to make her first public appearance earlier than expected, attending the Ashburton Workouts, on the 16th December.

She competed in a 2YO Mobile Trot, over 1609m, drawing Barrier No. 2 in a 3-horse field and was driven by co-trainer Mark Purdon.

Regal did everything right in her first outing, with Mark just allowing her to go along at her own pace, despite the cutthroat tactics adopted by trainer/driver Alan Clark on the eventual winner Dark Ops, who skied away from the other two, way out in front in unnecessary fashion. Regal finished in 3rd placing, some 29½ lengths from the winner.

Dark Ops' time was a very quick 2:04.3, 4.8 seconds under the qualifying time required for the 2-year-old trotters. This horse had qualified amazingly on the 6th September; an unheard of early time for a 2YO trotter, and started racing on the 31st October (also unheard of for a 2YO trotter) and had already had 4 race starts at this point.

Mark said, "She went OK. I was quite happy with her. I just let her do her own thing when Alan Clark went ballistic. We'll bring her back again [to the workouts/trials] in about 3 weeks."

So, Regal was to return to the Chertsey TC Trials, at Ashburton once again, on the 7th January. This was once again in a 2YO Mobile Trot, over 1609m, this time drawing Barrier No. 1 in a 5-horse field. She was driven by stable Junior Driver Matt Anderson.

Regal was just taken off the gate quietly, to settle 3-back on the markers and going into the back the first time Cocktail Waiter in front put some speed on and opened up the gaps with 2 or 3 lengths back to the second horse and a further 5 or 6 lengths back to Regal.

Rounding the home turn, Regal had dropped further off them, by about 12 lengths, as the early breaker Dark Ops began a searching run from the rear. Regal stuck to her guns and was running on in the home straight, closing the gap a little, to finish in 3rd placing, albeit some 11¼ lengths from the winner and 9 lengths behind the 2nd horse, with a further 10½ lengths back to fourth.

The winner was Cocktail Waiter, in a time of 2:08.0 (MR 2:08.0), with closing sectionals of 60.8 and 29.6. This horse, also trained by Alan Clark, had also qualified in the same trial on the 6th September and started racing on the 26th October (even more amazing for a 2YO trotter) and has already had 8 race starts for two placings at this point.

Cocktail Waiter was, as mentioned, already qualified and the 2nd placed horse Aldebaran Ay M, was the only horse in the field to qualify with a time of 2:08.4 (0.7 seconds under the required time) and Regal with an official time of 2:10.2, missed by 1.1 seconds.

Mark advised, "I'm happy with where she's at. We'll make up ground each week. We just need to get a little bit more speed out of her."

Regal will now attend the Ashburton Trials next Tuesday, the 20th January and after that should be ready to look for a race in which to make her race debut.

I will keep you informed by email with details of this race, where and when it is to be.

In the meantime good luck for both Regal's trial and upcoming race, I'm sure these will be exciting for us all.

Spin To Win (Mach Three – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Having made her first public appearance at the Rangiora Workouts on the 28th October, for a close-up 5th placing, Whirl was to then attend the Qualifying Trials at Addington on the 5th November, where the weather and track were shocking and she finished in 6th placing and missing out on qualifying, as did all of the runners in her heat.

Whirl was then sent for a month in the spelling paddock and returned to training with Mark and Natalie on the 8th December. She "looked good" and immediately commenced a month's jogging, before starting on her hobbled work.

Whirl has been progressing well and may even be ready to attend the trials next Tuesday, at Ashburton, somewhat earlier than originally expected. This will depend on how she works this Saturday in her training at home, but if she is not ready to go next week, then she should be ready by the following week.

I will keep you posted with details of when Whirl's trial will be, once they are available.

It will certainly be interesting to see how she goes and if she can then progress to go on and make her race debut.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Champagne Taste (Art Major – Affairs Are Bettor)

As advised, after her first preparation in which she showed a bit of an attitude, Taste was sent for a good long 3-4 month spell.

As it turns out, she will actually have a little longer out, as she is not due back into training until next week, meaning she would have had about 4½ months out.

Tina is doing very well at Breckon Farms and as she is such a big girl and still going through her growing stage, this time off should be very beneficial to her.

It will be interesting to see her when she returns to training, having grown and strengthened during her time out and able to cope better with the training that lies ahead of her and eventually when she makes it as a racehorse.

Trainer Cran Dalgety :-

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

After having a 4 week spell, Rhonda returned to training at Cran's stable on the 8th December, looking good and seemingly ready to carry on with some more serious work.

Rhonda has completed her jogging to increase her fitness and has now had five training runs this time back.

Cran has reported, "She is still probably 8 or 9 weeks away from the workouts or trials, but I like to take a bit more time with the 2-year-olds. I like to bring them along a bit slower. Each time she has gone out, she has grown and matured, so she's looking pretty good."

So, once the time comes around for Rhonda to go to the workouts or trials, I will advise of the details.

Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Rockon Bye (Christian Cullen – OK Rock)

Since returning to training from her 8-week spell on the 10th October, Rocky has made some good progress.

She still continues to show some funny traits and this could slow her progress a little, although so far she is managing to keep up to the mark.

Barry reported last week, "She still a bit silly, but is actually working OK. We'll work her down [in her times] over 2400m and if she does everything right, she should be about 5 weeks away from the trials. She is a bit of a handful and can be hard work at times, but I reckon that she's going to be OK. She's a very nice pacer."

So, providing all goes to plan, Rocky should be ready to attend the workouts initially for some education, in about a month's time and then after maybe a couple of runs there, she might be ready to progress to the Qualifying Trials.

Let's hope that she continues to settle down in her educational process and can make the necessary progress to go on to the workouts and trials, and maybe even to race this time in.

It will be interesting to see how she does progress, especially over the next month or so and hopefully her behaviour will become more settled, which will also help in her improvement and ability to cope with what is required of her along the way.

Trainer Geoff Small :-

Goodlookingbabe (Mach Three – Goodlookinggirl)

After her spell, Precious was to do about 4 weeks back with Brent Donnelly, before transferring to trainer Geoff Small's Pukekohe stable on the 10th November.

Precious pleased Brent once again, as she did during her initial breaking-in and completed her jogging with Geoff, before moving on to some pace work.

She has done everything right in her training and has progressed well so far, having completed her strong hopped pace work and moved on to some more serious speed work.

Geoff had previously advised that he should know around early January if he was going to carry on with Precious and go on to the workouts and possibly trials.

Geoff has reported this week, "I'm happy with her and I'm going to press on at this stage. We should be at the trials around the end of January, all going well. She's just getting on the right rein, so I will be doing something to fix that and help her, but I'm still pleased with her and we'll press on and see where we go."

So, it will be interesting to see how Precious progresses over the next few weeks and to hopefully see her at the workouts and trials. I will keep you informed with an email update when the time comes.

Trainer **John & Joshua Dickie :-**

Factor The Odds (Pegasus Spur – Fear Factor)

Having made good progress in training and pleasing trainers John and Josh Dickie, Karen had lightened up in condition after completing 8 weeks in work and as she was also growing it was decided best that she be sent for a decent spell.

John thought that Karen could easily qualify as a 2-year-old, but that she would be much better off being given time off now to strengthen and grow.

So, Karen went for a long 6 months spell on the 7th November and is thus not due to return to training until the beginning of May. This should stand her in good stead to then carry on and commence her racing as a 3-year-old.

Karen is spelling at Breckon Farms and reports are that she is doing well in her time out.

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Don't forget, your monthly newsletters are also displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them there whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

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So good luck and many wins to come ...

Cheers
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