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## Super Seven Syndicate



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Hi there

Welcome to your November newsletter for the Super Seven Syndicate.

This month has seen the first public appearance of one of your fillies, with Spin To Win firstly attending the workouts and then the Qualifying Trials. Unfortunately she didn't manage to qualify, but neither did any of the six runners in her heat at the Cup Trials, as the weather was very bad and the track extremely rain affected and not conducive to horses being able to qualify, let alone 2-year-old fillies.

Regal has had a little setback with a kick to the hock, but is progressing well now and with Rhonda and Karen being sent for spells, it will be Rocky and Goodlookingbabe that should provide the next action amongst your fillies.

There are still some very encouraging reports on your fillies generally, but as I have said before, we have to be patient !!!

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

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

#### **High Gait** (Muscles Yankee – Regal Volo)

Soon after the information given in last month's newsletter, where High Gait, or Regal as she is known, had been receiving very good reports from her trainer Mark Purdon, she was to receive a kick in the hock from another horse.

The vet was called in and the injury examined and the vet was happy with it, but Regal was to have 10 days of quiet work while she recovered.

All is back to normal now and mark says, "She is trotting around good now. Everything's good with her". So let's hope that Regal can continue her very positive progress with her trotting and education process.

She has now been in training for a total of about 2 months now, but as she did miss a little work with her injury, it is likely to be about another month before she is ready to do anything serious.

It is still likely however, that Regal will continue on and as long as she steps up as required along the way, she should still be looking to trial around December/January.

## **Spin To Win** (Mach Three – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Whirl, or Spin To Win as she is officially known, somewhat surprisingly made her first public appearance at the Rangiora Workouts on the 28th October. This was to be a first for the Super Seven Syndicate when Whirl competed in a 2YO Fillies Mobile Pace, over 2000m. She drew Barrier No.3 in a 5-horse heat (plus one non-competitor) and was to be driven by co-trainer Natalie Rasmussen.

Whirl came out of the gate quietly, along with the other runners and settled 3-back on the markers as the field ran along in Indian File. At about the 500m point, Natalie managed to get nicely into the one-one position and pulled out 3-wide as they turned for home, allowing Whirl to run home and finish in 5<sup>th</sup> placing, only a couple of lengths from the winner.

The winner was Arden's Choice, in a moderate time of 2:42.7 (Mile Rate 2:10.8), with the last 800m completed in 60.7 and the last 400m in 29.9 seconds.

If you missed seeing this run at the workouts, then you will be able to view video footage of it on the HRNZ Website at [www.hrnz.co.nz](http://www.hrnz.co.nz), click on RACING, then Workouts Results, then October, then North Canterbury Trotting, then scroll down to Race 3 and click on the video icon.

Natalie said after the workout, "She did everything right and did it OK. It was good education for her." Mark then confirmed that Whirl would look to attend the NZ Cup Trials next, at Addington Raceway, on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. She was to compete in a 2YO Fillies Mobile Pace, over 2000m, with a Qualifying Time of 2:36.2 required. Whirl drew Barrier No.2, in a 6-horse field, most of whom were the same fillies she ran against the previous week and all were from the Purdon/Rasmussen stable.

This was to be your first attendee at the Qualifying Trials and it was a great effort to see Whirl at the trials so early in the season. In Mark's words, it was a "shocking day" weather-wise and in very wet conditions Whirl was just eased out of the gate to settle 4-back on the markers, where she remained throughout and really only battled from just inside the 400m mark, to finish back in 6<sup>th</sup> placing.

The winner was Emeli Maguire in a moderate time of 2:40.7 (MR 2:09.2), with closing sectionals of 60.5 and 29.3.

As the required qualifying time was not attained, none of the 6 horses were to qualify.

Mark has now advised, "We'll just give her a month off and then bring her back in and see how she comes up and how she progresses, before we will know where we are going with her."

So Whirl has been sent for a short one month break and will return to training on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Trainer Tony Herlihy :-**

### **Champagne Taste** (Art Major – Affairs Are Bettor)

After having her first preparation with trainer Tony Herlihy, where she showed a bit of an attitude, Taste being such a big girl and as she was still growing, it was decided best to give her a good long spell.

Taste will be out in the spelling paddock for about 3-4 months and having gone out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Breckon Farms, means that she will not return to training until probably the New Year.

Taste is doing well during her time out and should benefit a lot from this rest period, where hopefully she will grow and strengthen up, to enable her to cope better with the rigours of training and hopefully racing.

### **Trainer Cran Dalgety :-**

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

Double Shot, or Rhonda as she is known, also returned for her first preparation at the beginning of September with trainer Cran Dalgety. She made good progress during her time in training, but last week Cran reported, "I'm just going to give her 3 weeks out. It's not Cup fever that's got her, she's just levelled out a bit and not as sharp as she was a couple of weeks ago. She's been training down and is fit, but she's just not handling the work we're giving her. She looks good, but her heart rate is a bit higher, so she'll benefit from a freshen-up."

So let's hope that Rhonda will gain the necessary benefit from her short freshen-up and be able to continue on with her good progress to date.

### **Trainer Barry Purdon :-**

#### **Rockon Bye** (Christian Cullen – OK Rock)

Rocky returned from her 8-week spell at Breckon Farms, on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, this time to her trainer Barry Purdon's stable.

She looked good and appeared ready to continue with her education. However, Barry was soon to report, "She's a bit funny still, but she's coming along slowly".

This week Barry has reported, "She's doing everything pretty good now, so we'll just bring her along slowly and she should be right."

So let's hope that Rocky can continue to show improvement, both in her attitude and her ability and go on to do something worthwhile this time in training.

It will be interesting to see how she does handle things going forward and hopefully she will behave herself in the process.

### **Trainer Geoff Small :-**

#### **Goodlookingbabe** (Mach Three – Goodlookinggirl)

After her 10-week spell at Breckon Farms, Goodlookingbabe was set to return to work.

It was then decided that she would once again return to Brent Donnelly's barn to have a further 3 or 4 weeks education, before she transfers to Geoff's new stable at the Franklin Park Training Complex at Pukekohe.

When Goodlookingbabe arrived at Brent's, he reported, "She's strengthened and looks good. She's done really well." She is coming along well at Brent's and he is very happy with her, so she is now set to transfer to Geoff's in the next few days.

Once she has settled in at Geoff's, it will be interesting to see how she progresses and how she handles the more serious work that she will be asked to do this campaign.

Trainer **John & Joshua Dickie** :-

**Factor The Odds** (Pegasus Spur – Fear Factor)

Karen had continued her pleasing progress in training with John and Josh and had completed 8 weeks in work pleasing when about a week ago John reported, "She's lightened up and is growing. She's really up in her behind [which confirm she is having a growth spurt]. She's a lovely trotter and has good manners and attitude. She could qualify soon, but I really think she'll be better to forget the 2-year-old racing and give her a decent break. I'd like to give her 6 months out and then look at 3-year-old racing."

So, Karen has been sent for a long 6-month spell at Breckon Farms.

I'm sure this will help her to strengthen up and be able to hold her condition better and I'm sure will be the best thing in the long run for Karen's future prospects as a successful racehorse.

**Congratulations to Cran – 1,000 wins**

Cran Dalgety, the trainer of your filly Double Shot, reached a personal milestone on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, when the filly he trains Supriya (Changeover / Rosanna Jaccka – also Changeover's first race winner when she won back on 25<sup>th</sup> February, at Winton) won a mile race at Wyndham.



In doing so, Cran has joined an elite list of trainers who have achieved this remarkable feat of 1,000 wins in New Zealand. The previous trainers to reach the mark are Cran's former bosses Roy & Barry Purdon, as well as Mark Purdon, Derek Jones and Ces Donald.

Cran achieved his 1,000 wins from just 5040 starts, for over \$11.1m in stakes, over a period of 22 years. Cran also won the 2013 NZ Trainers Premiership and has trained the winners of over \$1m in each of the last five seasons, as well as being the winningest NZ trainer of Australasian Breeders Crown Finals, having won five, with Sparks A Flyin, Smiling Shard, Bit Of A Legend (twice) and Katy Perry (also a Breckon Farms bred filly).

So, **CONGRATULATIONS** Cran; what an achievement !!!

**Star Struck**

Mention must also be made of the amazing feat of the All Stars Stable team under the guidance of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen (trainers of your fillies High Gait & Spin To Win), with their record-breaking NZ Cup Day on Tuesday.

The stable had a remarkable 7 wins on the Premier Day, including the Group 1 features in the NZ Trotting Cup with Adore Me and the NZ Sires Stakes Final with Have Faith In Me (including the trifecta in this race), as well as the Group 3 Free-For-All with Messini and second in two other races. The total stake earnings for the day were an incredible \$604,090.55.

The NZ Cup win by Adore Me was scintillating, setting a new World Record of 3:54.6, eclipsing Changeover's previous record set in the 2008 NZ Cup, of 3:56.4. Of course this was a NZ Record as well, to go along with NZ Records set on the day by other stable winners Messini (2600m Mobile - 3:07.2), Have Faith In Me (1950m Mobile - 2:17.3) and Prince Fearless (3YO 2600m Stand Trot - 3:19.3).



Also on the day, the broodmare gem Scuse Me was the dam of two Group 1 winners, in the full brother and sister (both by Bettor's Delight), Have Faith In Me and Adore Me, which is also a truly remarkable achievement. CONGRATULATIONS must go to the breeder of both these winners, Charles Roberts. Remarkably, Mark Purdon was the breeder of Scuse Me, who was once herself a NZ Record holder.

So, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mark and Natalie and all at the All Stars Stable !!!

While there will always be a few hiccups along the way, generally things are progressing positively with your fillies and we are well on our way to hopefully having lots of fun and excitement.

Once again, I look forward to meeting you all personally soon, especially once things start to happen at the workouts, trials, or even races. I did have the pleasure of meeting briefly with Danny and Liz Trainor on Cup Day in Christchurch, so that was great and I look forward to catching up with other members along the way.

I'm sure your involvement in this Syndicate will bring you lots of entertainment and enjoyment.

Cheers

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