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Hi there

We have had a little more action over the last month, with High Gait returning to training, as well as collecting another couple of awards, and Double Shot having two starts for a disappointing finish and then a good 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, before her scheduled third start for the month on Sunday didn't eventuate as the meeting was abandoned.

High Gait received her Victorian 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year Award on the 6<sup>th</sup> November and then was to also receive an Australian Award at the NZ Standardbred Breeders Association 'Cup Eve Function', but sadly this was erroneously overlooked, but is to be rectified. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!** High Gait returned to training on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, having done well during her spell. We can now all look forward to her return to the track in a couple of month's time ... won't that be exciting?

Meanwhile Double Shot has been flying the flag and was a good 2<sup>nd</sup> placing at her last start, having already had a win on debut in Australia. Her race last Sunday didn't proceed after track conditions led to the meeting being abandoned and she trialed yesterday, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> placing, in preparation to race next this Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> November. I will update you with details for this race once they are available.

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

### **Trainer Nicole Molander :-**

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

After enjoying 8 weeks out in the spelling paddock, High Gait returned to Nicole Molander's stable on the 24<sup>th</sup> October looking good and Nicole reported that she had done very well during her spell.

The photo (right) certainly shows that.

So, after her excellent deeds of last season, High Gait will once again be set for some classic races in Victoria.



It will be great to see how she comes up during her preparation to race as a 4-year-old, looking to target some feature races in the New Year.

Once again the awards keep coming, in recognition of the amazing deeds on the racetrack by High Gait.

High Gait has now been named the Victorian 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year, at the Gordon Rothacker Medal Night on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, at Crown Palladium in Melbourne ... so **CONGRATULATIONS** on your stunning trotting filly High Gait once again obtaining the accolades for a stellar 2015/16 season.

### **WELL DONE !!!**

At the recent NZ Standardbred Breeders Association 'Cup Eve Function' held in Christchurch on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, High Gait was actually overlooked in the honours when an Australian Award to her breeders Breckon Farms Ltd, for her Group 1 win in the Victoria Trotting Oaks, was overlooked. This will however be remedied and the award trophy forwarded to Ken and Karen, so once again CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Breckon Farms and the Breckon Farms - The Top Ten Syndicate for this achievement.

### **Trainer Nicole Molander :-**

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

After making her Australian race debut a winning one, on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, at Shepparton, Double Shot was to race next at Maryborough, on their Cup Day, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

This was in the \$10,000 Cramer Pty Ltd Pace, for C3-C4 pacers, over 2190m. Double Shot drew well at Barrier No. 2, in an 11-horse field and was to be driven by Gavin Lang, who had driven her to victory in her Australian debut.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October Nicole advised, "Double Shot is racing on Sunday at Maryborough R5 No.2. She has trained on well since her win at Shepparton. Chris Alford has elected to drive Cruz Bromac in the race, which is most certainly the one to beat as two starts ago it started in the prestigious Chariots of Fire at Menangle. So we have engaged Gavin Lang again. As mentioned she has trained on well and I am expecting another forward showing from Rhonda with a favourable barrier draw."

Double Shot got out well at the start to take up the early lead and held them all out, leading the field for the first lap, before the hot favourite Cruz Bromac came forward at the 1100m point to take up the lead.

Double Shot was then to receive a nice trail for the final lap, but Gavin had to niddle at her rounding the final turn to keep her in touch with the leader. As they turned for home, Double Shot began to give ground and she faded badly in the home straight to finish well back in 9<sup>th</sup> placing, some 28.9m from the winner.

The winner was Cruz Bromac, in a time of 2:41.5 (MR 1:58.7), with the final 800m in 57.3 and the 400m in 28.2.

It certainly was a very disappointing run, but it was to be found after the race that she was heavily in season, so I guess she had an excuse for her out of character run.

Double Shot was then set to race again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at Bendigo in Victoria.

This was in the \$5,000 Schweppes Pace, for C3-C4 with Conditions, over 2150m. Double Shot drew Barrier No. 1, in a 7-horse field and was once again to be driven by Gavin Lang.

Trainer Nicole Molander advised on the 1st November, "Double Shot is racing at Bendigo Wed night R7 No.1. She has drawn well and seems to have got over her seasonal issues from last start and if she goes as well as her work she will be very hard to beat."

So Double Shot was to line up in this race a short-priced favourite and was beaten for gate speed by the second favourite With Gusto who sped to the early lead. Double Shot settled into a nice trailing position and enjoyed an economical run throughout, as they ran along at a slow pace.

They ran through the first quarter of the last mile in a sedate 32.2 seconds and the speed didn't go on until they were well inside the last lap. As they travelled down the back the final time the tempo increased appreciably and that quarter was completed in a quick 27.9, as Double Shot waited patiently for the sprint lane run.

She took the inside run in the home straight and ran home well, but was unable to catch the leader and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, going down by 4.4m.

The winner was With Gusto, in a time of 2:39.3 (MR 1:59.2), with the closing sectionals completed in 56.2 and 28.3.

Nicole later advised, "Double Shot is racing on Sunday at St Arnaud (Cup Day). She has been working well since her good second last start and if she can get a good run through from the second line draw will be more than competitive."

So, Double Shot was then to race next on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, at St Arnaud in Victoria.

This was to be in the \$7,000 Botanical Hotel St Arnaud Pace, for C2-C3 pacers (Double Shot as a C4 is eligible with a mares concession), over 1740m, where under the Preferential Barrier Draw conditions, she drew Barrier No. 10, in an 11-horse field and was set to start from No.2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Row and be driven by Gavin Lang, but this race meeting was to be abandoned, so it was not to be.

The meeting was abandoned due to the state of the track and the mobile gate being unable to gain traction following overnight rain. Stewards assessed the track on Sunday before Race 1 and deemed it not fit for racing and further testing one hour later showed the surface had not improved so they were left with no option but to abandon the meeting.

This was one of several race meeting abandoned in Australia over the weekend, so obviously was just one of those things.

Harness Racing Victoria has committed to rescheduling the St Arnaud Pacing and Trotting Cups and is liaising with the St Arnaud Club and looking at alternative options for its feature races. An announcement will be made in coming days.

Nicole advised on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November, "St Arnaud was cancelled before Race 1 as the mobile barrier could not get traction on the track. We had just arrived on course as the announcement was made. Rhonda will now trial at Melton tomorrow (Tuesday) before racing at Gunbower on Sunday. She is very well that is the reason why she is trialling tomorrow."

So, Double Shot was to take her place in a C3 or Better Trial, over 2240m, at Tabcorp Park Melton, on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. She drew Barrier No.4 in a 6-horse field and was driven by Gavin Lang.

Double Shot was just eased off the gate and settled 4-back on the markers, as the field found their way into single file. They ran along in the same order, with Arma Augustus setting the pace out in front, until inside the last lap Stagger Lee began a run from the back.

Gavin popped Double Shot out in front of Stagger Lee as they ran into the back the final time and she moved forward quickly to sit outside the leader. Arma Augustus found some more as they passed the 400m pole, running down the back in 28.1 and drew about a length and a half ahead.

They then turned for home together, with Stagger Lee running on strongly and sprinting passed Arma Augustus and Double Shot, with Double Shot running home in 3<sup>rd</sup> placing, 15m from the winner who was Stagger Lee, in a time of 2:45.4 (MR 1:58.8), with the last 800m completed in 55.99 and the 400m in 27.81.

If you wish to view this trial, it is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-md6V85vhc&list=PLC1r7KYoeE9x5om3Shu0QLrhwNT1hP9Bdn&index=2>

This run should top Double Shot off nicely for her race assignment at Gunbower this Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Once details of this race are available, I will notify you accordingly.

**GOOD LUCK for this race !!!**

### **Newsletters On the Website**

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

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Under the 'Syndicates' menu, you will find the 'Top Ten Syndicate' section, then scroll to the bottom and you will 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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