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Hi there

The last month has been relatively quiet by your high standards, with High Gait continuing her spell and Double Shot flying across to Australia and being given time to settle in to her new surroundings.

Then it started to happen again, both off and on the track.

High Gait continues to collect awards, with the latest being the Victorian Square Trotters Association 3YO Filly of the Year Award, to be presented at Maryborough this weekend. She has also received a nomination for the Victorian 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year Award, which is to be announced on the 6th November, so **GOOD LUCK** for this one too. Little Regal's trophy cabinet is certainly bulging.

High Gait is doing well in her time in the spelling paddock and is set to return to training on the 1st November.

Meanwhile of course, this week, Double Shot made her Australia debut, a winning one. Rhonda won at Shepparton on Tuesday night, with a great effort in fast time, from the outside gate on the Front Row. She was sent out a warm order favourite and duly obliged, so **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Rhonda is now set to race next on Maryborough Cup day, Sunday the 23rd October.

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Nicole Molander :-

High Gait (Muscles Yankee – Regal Volo)

After running very good 2nd placings in both her Breeders Crown Heat (17th August) and of course the prestigious Group 1 Breeders Crown Final (28th August), High Gait was to be given a very well-deserved spell.

It was planned for Regal to have a good 8-week break and on the 21st September Nicole advised, "High Gait is enjoying her time out and will be back in work on the 1st November."



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

High Gait is the only horse to have been awarded the New Zealand 2-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year, the Australian 2-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year, the New Zealand 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year and the Australian 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year. This is a remarkable achievement and one that no other horse in any age category has ever done before.

She was also named the North Island 2-year-old Trotter of the Year last year.



Now after the finalists for Victorian Horse of the Year Awards were released by Harness Racing Victoria on the 22nd September, she is a fore runner for the Victorian 3-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year Award as well.

This year there are 16 categories plus the overall Victorian Horse of the Year award to be recognised and a panel of 10 people comprising trots form analysts and media are voting on the awards, which will be announced at the annual Gordon Rothacker

Medal Night on the 6th November, at Crown Palladium in Melbourne.

This year's finalists in the 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year division are Aldebaran Eve, High Gait, Pizza Queen, Princess Phoenix and Red Hot Tooth, so good luck for this award.

High Gait's younger sister, Our Regal Love, raced by the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate is also a nominee for the 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year award. The nominees for this division are Betty Hall, Kyvalley Kyrie, Our Regal Love and Illawong Shimmer.

Interestingly, in a recent public 'Twitter Poll' carried out over all categories, High Gait received 78% of the votes (next highest 14%) and Our Regal Love 40% of the votes (next highest 23%) in their respective categories, so it is going to be an interesting and exciting event.

GOOD LUCK for this prestigious award !!!

Also why we are on the subject of awards, High Gait has been awarded the Victorian Square Trotters Association 3YO Filly of the Year Award. This is to be presented at a function at Maryborough this weekend and Syndicate Member Danny Trainor's brother who lives in Melbourne is to travel to his home town to accept this award on behalf of the Syndicate.

So once again **CONGRATULATIONS** are in order.

This week Nicole has reported, "High Gait and Our Regal Love are spelling just up the road at the same place High Gait was at last year, Cullendale Agistment. We have seen them regularly and they are both looking great. We are looking at bringing both of them back into work on the 24th October with feature races in the new year as targets."

This will mean that Regal has had exactly 8 weeks out enjoying her time in the spelling paddock and it is great to hear that she has done so well during her time out.

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

Trainer Nicole Molander :-

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

After racing at Addington on the 9th September, where she was sent out a warm order favourite, but raced keenly and was to disappoint dropping out to run home at the tail of the field, Rhonda was to travel across to Australia, as had been planned.

She flew from Christchurch to Sydney on the 16th September, then travelled by road down to Melbourne on the following Sunday, to arrive at Nicole Molander's stable on the 19th September.

On the 21st September Nicole advised, "Double Shot arrived on Monday afternoon from Sydney and has settled in well. She is assessed as a C3 M0, but being a mare she will get a mares drop back in a normal race e.g. she will be able to enter a C2 race if open and not for just fillies and mares. In regards to her racing I will notify you in the up-coming days as she did fast work today, but will have a programme sorted within the next few days."

Then on the 1st October Nicole reported, "Double Shot (Rhonda) has settled in well and is training very well. She will have her first race at Shepparton on Tuesday night the 11th October. I will give you another up-date of Rhonda's progress closer to her race."

Nicole confirmed and Double Shot was then set to make her Australian race debut on the 11th October, at Shepparton in Victoria.

This was in the \$7,000 Shepparton BMW Pace, for C2 pacers only (but being a C3 with a mare's concession Rhonda was eligible for this race), over 2190m. Rhonda drew Barrier No. 7, the outside Front Row barrier, in a 7-horse field and Chris Alford was down to drive, but as he had just had an operation and had not been 100 percent and had to forego many drives over the previous week, he was also to relinquish the drive on Rhonda and so Gavin Lang was to take the reins.

The 'Form Analysis' on the Harness Racing Australia Website stated, "DOUBLE SHOT (7) Kiwi bred mare that joins the astute Molander stable. She's been racing in stronger company and gets into a winnable race on her Australian debut." and their 'SUGGESTED BET' was "DOUBLE SHOT (7) to Win."

Two days prior to racing Nicole advised, "Double Shot is racing on Tuesday night at Shepparton R8 No.7. It was a random draw and she ended up with the worst possible, but her work has been very good and I expect a forward showing in a winnable race."

So, Rhonda was all set to make her Australian debut and was sent out a hot favourite for this race.

Gavin wasn't getting involved in the early rush, as he eased back at the start from Rhonda's wide draw, with the speed being on from the outset. Rhonda settled at the tail of the field, at times two or three lengths off the rest and followed them around with Gavin waiting patiently to make his move.

As they received the bell, with a lap-to-go, Rhonda moved into the running line and was one-out-and-4-back and still at the tail of the field. Into the back straight and with 600m to run, Rhonda moved out 3-wide to start a forward move, but Half Crown Gap pulled out in front of her and so she was to receive cover for the run home.

Rhonda continued her run 3-wide around the final bend and wound up in the home straight to finish powerfully down the outer and draw away for a very good win.

Rhonda's winning time was a very fast 2:41.1 (MR 1:58.4), with the closing sectionals in 58.6 and 29.7.

Wasn't it great to see Rhonda make her Australian race debut a winning one, and an impressive win it was too !!!

I'm sorry there are no photos available from this win.

Nicole advised the following day after the race, "Double Shot won very well last night and I was pleased with her effort. She went a very good time on the Shepparton track and was also given the tick of approval by Gavin Lang. Rhonda has pulled up very well and all going well her next race will be on Maryborough Cup day on Sunday the 23rd October."

GOOD LUCK for this race !!!

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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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