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## Breckon Farms - The Good Sports Syndicate



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Welcome

First and foremost, **CONGRATULATIONS** on yet another win by Linda, at Melton on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, taking her tally to 12 wins and \$244,972 and maintaining her picket fence formline with 5-straight wins since arriving at Kerryn Manning's stable.

And also, **Happy New Year to you all !!!**

I hope that you had a great festive season and all the best for your mares racing in 2016.

ALANNAH HALL is progressing well in her training and should be ready to attend the trials at the end of this month. She should only need one run at the trials and then be ready to make her return to racing in February. Her immediate main aim is to race in the annual Lyn McPherson Memorial Breed For Speed Series for Trotting Mares in February and March.

LINDA has had another two starts for her Victorian trainer Kerryn Manning, in the first of these making it five-from-five, but then only battling in her latest run after doing some work early and then being taken on during the running, in a step up in class at Melton on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. Linda has had her joints injected again this week and with her work being good in training she is to look to race at Maryborough next Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> January. **GOOD LUCK** for this race !!!

GLITZY GAL is also making good progress in her training and pleasing her new trainer Todd Mitchell. She is working down in her times and enjoying her work, with no soreness evident. She should be ready to attend the workouts at the end of this month and will probably need two runs, before looking to race.

Of your three remaining mares, Linda continues to fly the flag high for your Syndicate and it won't be long now before both Alannah in Victoria and Glitzy locally here in New Zealand, add to the mix and excitement of your truly international racehorses.

I'm sure there will be further success from all three mares, just around the corner.

**GOOD LUCK** for all your upcoming racing !!!

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

*Linda Lovegrace*

... wins at Melton, on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015

*After this race she had had 32  
starts for 12 wins & 10  
placings, for \$244,972 in  
stakes and a career best 1:54.8  
Mile Rate !!!*



*Linda had then had 5 starts for 5 wins  
for Kerryn Manning*

This win brought up win No. 30 for the Breckon Farms - The Good Sports Syndicate and took the Syndicate record to an amazing 135 starts, 30 wins, 20 seconds, 18 thirds, for \$403,131 in stake earnings. **WELL DONE !!!**

This raises your record of being in the money to 50.4% of all race starts and an amazing \$2,986 earned for every race start ... **that is truly I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E**

... and it took Linda's career record to 32 starts, 12 wins, 6 seconds, 4 thirds and stake earnings of \$244,972 and since joining Kerry Manning Linda has had 5 starts for 5 wins, for stakes of \$27,002. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

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

### **Trainer Craig Demmler :-**

**Alannah Hall** (Angus Hall – Regal Volo):-

After spelling for 6 weeks back in October/November, Alannah was to return to training with Craig Demmler in Victoria, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

She completed a month of jogging and has now moved on to her more serious fast work. Alannah will do approximately 4 weeks of fast work and should be ready to attend the trials at the end of this month.

It is anticipated that she will only need one run at the trials and then be ready to make her return to racing in February.

As I have advised, there is the annual Lyn McPherson Memorial Breed For Speed Series for Trotting Mares in February and March with the Finals being conducted at Tabcorp Park Melton, that Alannah will look to be aimed at, so I'm sure that will be something to look forward to.

I will keep you posted nearer to the time, with details of Alannah's trial and when she is set to make her return to the track.

### **Trainer Kerry Manning :-**

**Linda Lovegrace** (Bettor's Delight – Linda Grace):-

After winning her fourth straight race for Kerry Manning, at Ballarat on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, Linda came through this race well and was to be nominated to race next at Melton, on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Kerry reported a few days before the race, "Yay, the race at Melton Saturday stood up and we have a nice draw again. She seems good since Ballarat but of course isn't under the same pressure at home as she is at the races so hopefully she paces a little nicer this week. The field is pretty even, a few nice mares in it so it won't be quite as easy but if she runs up to her previous form she will be hard to beat."

So Linda was to take her place in the \$16,610 Decron Pace, for M0-M1 Mares, with a Preferential Barrier Draw based on assessment, over 2240m from a mobile start. She drew well at Barrier No. 2 in a 7-horse field and was to be driven by Kerry Manning.

Linda was sent out a hot favourite for this race, closing on the NZ TAB at \$1.20 and on Super TAB in Australia at \$1.10, for the win.

She began well and went straight to the lead and led through a slow 48.2 lead time, which according to commentator Dan Malecki was "about as easy going as you get for Metropolitan class". Kerry controlled the race and the tempo was slow until the second quarter of the last mile, where the speed picked up to go through that sectional in 30 seconds.

As they approached the 400m mark, Kerry began to put some pressure on, running through the third quarter in 28, with Linda travelling nicely round the final turn.

Into the home straight and Linda opened up by 2 or 3 lengths and went on for a very good win, to add to her already impressive picket fence formline.

Linda's winning time was a respectable 2:44.7 (MR 1:58.3) and her closing sectionals were impressive in 55.2 and 27.2. The winning margin was officially 4.2m.

Kerry advised the following day, "Here's a couple of photos on Linda winning and weighing in from Saturday night. She paced really good and won with a bit in hand. Not sure yet where she will go next, but I will let you know when I do. Thanks."

Here are some photos taken at Melton on the 19<sup>th</sup> December sent over by Kerry Manning ...



Another win



Congratulations

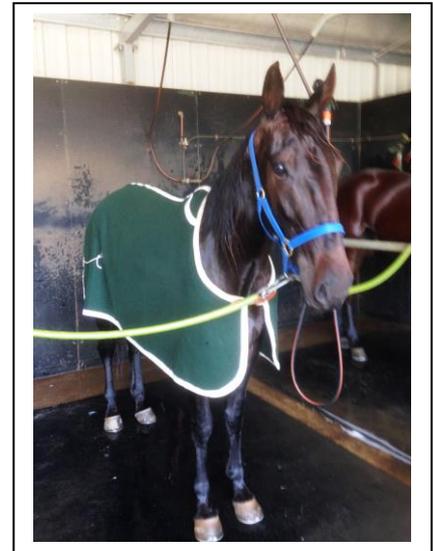


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Kerry, many thanks for the photos, they are great and very much appreciated.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> December, Kerry advised, "I had Linda in at Melton this Thursday [31<sup>st</sup> December] but the race did not stand up. Saturday week at Melton there is a feature mares race worth \$20K so that will be her next run. She has been working nicely since her last start."

Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> January Kerryn reported, "Well we go around tomorrow night and I guess this will be her biggest test so far. I see the 1st Em drawn 1 is already out which brings us into 3 which helps a little. Her work the past week has been good but not as good as she worked the previous week and she has felt a little less comfortable in her action again, but I have given her a halo injection, which is the best non swabable help that we can give her to help her joints and to make her feel more comfortable and when she had one before her last win it did make a big difference and she felt great. She may need her joints injecting again soon but tomorrow's run will tell us more. Hopefully I can get her to come out the mobile quick enough to find the lead as she would be really hard to beat in front but she isn't super quick out sometimes, but we will do our best."



Kerryn also sent this photo (right), taken on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, just after Linda had had her shampoo.

So, Linda was to race next on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, at Melton, in the \$20,325 VHRMA Graham Goffin Memorial Mobile Pace, over 1720m. Linda drew Barrier No. 4, coming into No. 3 with the Emergency being scratched from No. 1 and was once again to be driven by Kerryn Manning. In what was a field that included some other form runners, Linda was once again sent out an odds-on favourite, in her attempt to maintain her picket fence formline.

She was quickly out at the start, but not as fast as Courageousquick who burnt out from her outside draw to take up the lead, leaving Linda in the parked position, before Kerryn pressed on and went to the lead. Soon after Beach Shack came forward to sit parked heading inside the last lap and began to put some pressure on Linda.

Into the back straight for the final time, the 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite Nike Franco also came forward to sit outside Linda and she too was to apply some pressure. Linda retained the lead, until at the 400m mark Nike Franco levelled up and turning for home had mastered Linda, to take the lead.

Linda just battled in the run home, to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> placing, in a quick last quarter.

The winner was Nike Franco, in a time of 2:01.4 (MR 1:53.6), with the closing sectionals completed in 56.1 and 27.9. Linda was officially 15.1m behind.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January, Kerryn emailed to advise, "Sorry it's been a busy day today and have finally found some time to get back to you. Poor Linda didn't get any peace last night, did a bit early to find the front and then had pressure from then on and tired turning for home but battled on best she could. Had a good blow after the race but pulled up good and ate up last night. May need that fetlock injecting again. I will take her back to the country for something a little easier and hopefully get her back in the winners list."

On the 14<sup>th</sup> January Kerryn advised further, "She [Linda] had both front fetlocks and off side knee injected on Wednesday, she was pretty sound on trot up but when he flexed the joints she really resented it and was a little lame trotting off. I have nominated her for Maryborough next Thursday [21<sup>st</sup> January], fields come out on Monday [18<sup>th</sup> January]. Her work yesterday was as good as it usually is, so she has taken no harm from her last run."

So once the fields are available, I will send you the relative information.

In the meantime, Linda is certainly doing a great job for you all in Australia and let's hope that it can continue.

### **Trainer Todd Mitchell :-**

#### **Glitzy Gal (Bettor's Delight – Diamonds N Gold):-**

After having a little longer than expected out spelling, due to the discovery of an under run in her foot, Glitzy returned to Todd Mitchell's stable on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

She spent her first month back in training jogging to increase her fitness levels and then was to move on to her strong work. She initially was building her strength with work over 3200m and has now moved on to working over 2400m and her speed increased and times reduced.

Todd reported last Sunday, "She's coming along nicely and working down in her times. She worked 3:30 for the mile and a half [2400m] this week and she's enjoying it. There's no soreness, so it was good to get that hitch out of the way. We'll start stepping her up now and she should be ready to go to the workouts at the end of the month. She'll probably need two workout runs and then we can look for a race for her."

So, Glitzy will continue to work down in her times over the next week or two and then she should be ready to attend the workouts, for the first of her two runs, before going on to make her return to racing.

Once her workout attendance is confirmed and field details available, I will advise you of these by email.

It will be great to see Glitzy given problem-free chance to show us all her true capabilities.



### **Newsletters On the Website**

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.

The Breckon Farms website address is:- [www.breckonfarms.co.nz](http://www.breckonfarms.co.nz)

Good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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