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## April 2018 Newsletter

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Hi there

The action on the track has been a little quieter this month, but we are about to see more action over the next couple of months. After performing very well in both her races at Alexandra Park, **Bubbled Up** was to return to home base in Christchurch and be set to race next in the Magness Benrow Sires Stakes Fillies Series Heat at Addington on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, where she finished a fighting 2<sup>nd</sup> placing. Bubbled Up has travelled north again and is to race this Friday, the **20<sup>th</sup> April**, at **Alexandra Park**, in **Race 4**, timed to start at **7.46pm**, the Group 1 \$110,000 Woodlands Stud Caduceus Club 2YO Fillies Classic (Mobile Pace), for 2YO Fillies, over 2200m. She has drawn reasonably well at **Barrier No.4** and will be driven by Brent Mangos. **GOOD LUCK for this Group 1 race !!!**

**Tickle Me Pink** was given a brief 2-week break in the spelling paddock after making it 2-from-2 in her latest winning outing at Alexandra Park and is to attend the **Pukekohe Workouts** this Saturday, the **21<sup>st</sup> April**, before making her return to racing in the \$10,000 Cambridge 2YO Trotting Stakes, at Cambridge on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. She is in **Heat 3**, timed to start at **10.30am**, a 2YO & Older Workout Learners Trot, Right Handed, over 2500m, in which she has drawn **Barrier No.5**. **GOOD LUCK & GO TICKLE ME PINK !!!** A decision will then be made as to whether she will travel to Christchurch for the Sires Stakes Final or stay at home and prepare for her tilt at the Jewels. **Starski** raced twice in her first 2-year-old campaign, but both performances were just battling efforts and as she is likely to struggle to make a successful racehorse, it has been decided to retire her from the Syndicate and offer her for sale at the upcoming Autumn Weanling and All Age Sale in Auckland, scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> June. **Taylor Bromac** has completed her strong pace work and will now move on to work on her speed, to hopefully be ready to attend the workouts/trials at the end of next month. **Reachforthetill** has almost completed her jogging and will soon move on to strong pace work in the hobbles, before moving on to her more serious speed work and will hopefully be ready to make her first public appearance at the workouts in June. **Gimme Hope** returned to training at the beginning of the month and will do a month jogging before moving on to her hobbled work. **Gladamare** also returned to training a couple of weeks ago and as she only had a month off will probably be looking to attend the workouts or trials around the end of June and maybe make it to start in a Breeders Crown Heat in July. **Mermaid Explorer** is still enjoying her extended spell and is set to return to training later next month. **Sassy Tart** is almost 3 months through her spell, so still has a couple of months to go and as the plan is for her to hopefully race at Alexandra Park in the future, she will transfer from Ken & Tony Barron in the south, to Tony Herlihy in the north for her future training. **Lovemelikeyoudo** is doing well in her enforced spell and hopefully she will be able to bounce back from her setback when the time comes.

Here is the latest information on your horses, I hope you enjoy the read.

### ***The Fillies.....***

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

#### **Bubbled Up** (American Ideal – Speights Girl)

After racing well at Alexandra Park in the Young Guns Series, Bubbled Up was to return home to Christchurch to be set for her campaign in the Sires Stakes Series.

Co-trainer Mark Purdon advised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, "All is well and she will race next week in the Sires Stakes Heat."

So Bubbled Up was to race next on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, at Addington Raceway, in Christchurch.

This was in the \$22,000 Magness Benrow Sires Stakes Fillies Series (Heat 3) Mobile Pace, for 2YO Fillies, over 1950m. Bubbled Up drew well at Barrier No.3, but did have her last two-race conqueror and stablemate Princess Tiffany inside her at No.2 once again, so it wasn't going to be easy. Bubbled Up needed to perform well and finish in the first two to qualify for the Group 1 \$150,000 Magness Benrow NZ Sires Stakes Fillies Championship, the Final of this prestigious series, to be staged at Alexandra Park, on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Bubbled Up showed good gate speed to get out quickly from the mobile start and cross her stablemate Princess Tiffany to take up the lead.

She led them along throughout, with Mark able to dictate terms out in front and with no challengers for the lead, the pace was a slow one, going through the first 800m of the last 1609m in a slow 63.9 seconds.

As another stablemate Kayla Marie got closer heading off the back the final time, the third quarter was run quicker in 29.3, so it was set to be a sprint home. Bubbled Up led them into the home straight, but Princess Tiffany was soon to take the pacing lane run and ran home the better of the tow, with Bubbled Up finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, fighting off a determined effort by Kayla Marie.

Princess Tiffany's winning time was a sedate 2.25.0 (MR 1.59.6), with the last 800m in 56.0 and the 400m in a quick 26.3. Bubbled Up was officially 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths behind the winner, with a head back to the third runner.

Mark said, "She had her chance really, but Princess Tiffany just out-sprinted her. She's qualified for the Final now, so that was the main aim."

Bubbled Up was to leave Christchurch on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, to travel north and commence her final preparation for upcoming major races to be staged at Alexandra Park and Cambridge Raceway.

Bubbled Up's programme is:-

20.04.18	Alexandra Park	Group 1 \$110,000 Caduceus Club Fillies Classic
27.04.18	Alexandra Park	Group 1 \$150,000 NZ Sires Stakes Fillies Champs
02.06.18	Cambridge	Group 1 \$150,000 Harness Jewels 2YO Diamond

It will certainly be great to see Bubbled Up take her place in the Sires Stakes Final on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, which of course is sponsored by our very own syndicate member John Magness.

Unfortunately, I will be away for this race (see below), so I take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck, in advance, for this race in particular.

However, in the meantime, Bubbled Up is to race again, this Friday, the **20<sup>th</sup> April**, at **Alexandra Park**, in Auckland.

**BUBBLED UP** is in **Race 4**, timed to start at **7.46pm**, the Group 1 \$110,000 Woodlands Stud Caduceus Club 2YO Fillies Classic (Mobile Pace), for 2YO Fillies, over 2200m. She has drawn reasonably well at Barrier No.4, but does have her last three-race conqueror and stablemate Princess Tiffany drawn inside her at No.3 once again, so it won't be easy.

I'm sure Bubbled Up will acquit herself well and be competitive in this prestigious race and hopefully she can continue the good record that Breckon Farms Syndicate fillies have had in the race, with Linda Lovegrace winning the event in 2014 for the The Good Sports Syndicate, as well as Breckon-bred fillies also being to the fore with previous winners Megaera (1996) and Elle Mac (2017). Let's hope that she can do it.

So, **GOOD LUCK for this Group 1 race !!!**

For her other upcoming races, I wish you further ...

**GOOD LUCK & GO BUBBLED UP !!!**

**Lovemelikeyoudo** (Love You – Regal Volo)

As advised last month, Lovemelikeyoudo has had some soreness problems, but fortunately no abnormalities showed up in the x-rays, but the scintigraphy examinations did show a degree of muscle damage. The vet thought that this was a result of Lovemelikeyoudo suffering a traumatic incident and recommended three months of paddock rest.

So, Lovemelikeyoudo was immediately sent to the spelling paddock at Breckon Farms and it is planned for her to have 3-4 months out, giving her the chance possible to fully recover from the ill-effects of her troubles. The All Stars Stable have been very positive in their comments on Lovemelikeyoudo, so hopefully your patience will be rewarded later.

A re-evaluation has been recommended, at the end of her time in the paddock, so this will be arranged and hopefully all will be OK and she can return to training. As a precaution, once she has returned to training, a series of blood tests are recommended, so these will also be arranged at the time.

Breckon Farms Farm Manager, Scott Yarnley reports, "She is doing very, very well", so maybe this time out will be a blessing in disguise, as often young horses benefit greatly from not being pushed too hard early.

Let's hope this is the case with Lovemelikeyoudo and she will bounce back from this setback and go on to be a very successful racehorse in days to come.

## **Trainer Mark Jones :-**

### **Gimme Hope** (Mach Three – Affairs Are Bettor)

Although Gimme Hope had made satisfactory progress in training during her last preparation, because she is such a big filly and had grown during her time in work, trainer Mark Jones decided it was best that she be given a decent spell.

Gimme Hope was to have 2½ months in the spelling paddock and returned to training on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April Mark advised, "I got the filly back into work yesterday. She has grown a bit and more in proportion but is still a little weak over her backside but she should develop in that area with some work. She will jog for the month before hopple work starts in May. All going to plan she will qualify at the end of July."

So, Gimme Hope has a couple more weeks of jogging to increase her fitness before she is ready to start on her hopped work next month. She will do strong pace work for the first month, then move on to working on her speed and bring her times down and should be ready to attend the workouts or trials in July.

It will be interesting to see how she progresses and hopefully she will go on to qualify and maybe even race this time in training.

## **Trainer Ken & Tony Barron (soon to be Tony Herlihy) :-**

### **Sassy Tart** (Bettor's Delight – Kelly Maguire)

Having made her public debut at the workouts back on the 24<sup>th</sup> January, where she finished a pleasing 4<sup>th</sup> placing, Sassy Tart was considered to still be a little small and a little weak, so it was decided best for her to have a spell.

This was to give her the time she needed to grow and strengthen-up and so she was to travel north to have her spell at Breckon Farms, where she is to spend 4-6 months in the paddock.

It was also thought that Sassy Tart would be more suited to being given her chance to race at Alexandra Park, so the trip north was vindicated on two sides.

Sassy Tart has had almost 3 months spelling so far, so she still has 1-3 months remaining. Hopefully she will have strengthened up and grown enough once this time-out has been completed, to be able to go on and have a successful racing career at Alexandra Park in particular.

Breckon Farms Farm Manager, Scott Yarndley reports, "Sassy Tart is enjoying a decent break. Winter rugs have just gone on and feet trimmed. She has been in a 'Good Paddock' and filled out nicely, but I don't think she will be a tall mare."

When Sassy Tart returns to training, she will do so with a new trainer. It has been decided that Sassy Tart will head to the stable of Tony Herlihy, who of course is already the trainer of your filly Tickle Me Pink, so let's hope that Sassy Tart will be able to start her career in similar manner to Tickle Me Pink, who is 2-from-2 to date.

## **Trainer Tony Herlihy :-**

### **Tickle Me Pink** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Tickle Me Pink made her race debut at Alexandra Park, on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, a successful one and was to race again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, once again back at Alexandra Park, where she was to make it 2-from-2, winning in fine fashion.

As Tickle Me Pink is not eligible for the Vicbred Super Series in Australia and her race form to date should see her well into the field for the Sires Stakes Final, without having to compete in the Prelude of this series, her trainer Tony Herlihy decided to give her a short 2-3 week spell.

She then returned to training, to commence her preparations towards her first major races.

The first of these is likely to be the \$10,000 Cambridge 2YO Trotting Stakes, at Cambridge on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, then possibly a trip south for the \$60,000 NZSS 2YO Trotting Championship at Addington on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, before hopefully qualifying for the Group 1 \$125,000 Harness Jewels 2YO Ruby at Cambridge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> April Tony advised, "I'm happy with her. She's bright and all's well. We'll look to go to the workouts on Saturday week [the 21<sup>st</sup> April], then that race at Cambridge on Anzac Day. Then we'll see about Christchurch and the Sires Stakes Final. It's against the boys, so we may just stay up here and look towards the Jewels."

Unfortunately, I will be away (see below) for Tickle Me Pink's first two races this campaign, if the trip to Christchurch does eventuate, but I will be back for her tilt at the Jewels, so I take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck, in advance, for these races.

Without racing, Tickle Me Pink has slipped back to No.3 on the Harness Jewels Leaderboard for the 2YO Ruby, from her position as the leader last month, but is still well and truly a great chance to make the field. Unfortunately, this race is also up against the boys, as for all the trotting races at the Jewels the colts and geldings and fillies all compete together.

As previously advised, if Tickle Me Pink performs up to expectations, it is likely that she will venture across to Australia for some classic racing there in August.

Tickle Me Pink will have a lead-up race either here in New Zealand, or over in Australia, before the first possible feature race for her being the Group 1 \$50,000 Redwood Classic for 2YO Trotters, at Maryborough in Victoria, on the 5<sup>th</sup> August. Her next race would then be a \$10,000 Breeders Crown Heat, also at Maryborough, on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, before hopefully qualifying for the Group 1 \$95,000 2YO Fillies Breeders Crown Final, at Melton, on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. This last race you will note, is for fillies only, so should be an ideal end of season target for Tickle Me Pink.

All these plans will be confirmed as Tickle Me Pink progresses through her season, but firstly, as advised above, she is to attend the **Pukekohe Workouts** this Saturday, the **21<sup>st</sup> April**, where she is in **Heat 3**, timed to start at **10.30am**, a 2YO & Older Workout Learners Trot, Right Handed, over 2500m, in which she has drawn **Barrier No.5**, in a 6-horse field. **GOOD LUCK for this run !!!**

And ...

## **GOOD LUCK & GO TICKLE ME PINK for her upcoming racing !!!**

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

**Gladamare** (Mach Three – Delightful Dale)

Gladamare was making good progress in her training and pleasing trainer Brent Mangos, as she headed towards making her first public appearance at the workouts early in March, when she began to grow and start doing a few things wrong.

Brent decided it was best to put Gladamare out for a month's spell and so she went to the spelling paddock.

She has now completed her time out and returned to training looking good.

Brent reported on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, "She's back in now. It's her second week back in. She looks really good; she really does. She'll have a month jogging and then she'll be into it. She's probably not up to those good ones right now, but she is tough and I think she'll do a good job a little later on."

Gladamare will probably take about 2 months to come back up and so will be looking to attend the workouts or trials around the end of June and as Brent had previously intimated, look to race late in the season, possibly even in the Breeders Crown Heats in July.

Let's hope she comes to it this time without any further hiccups, as Brent has said that he does like her and she does have some speed.

Trainer **Barry Purdon** :-

**Starski** (Art Major – Rozelski)

During her last campaign, it was great to see Starski qualify at her first attempt and then go on to race. Her first race was in a Young Guns Heat, at Alexandra Park, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, where she was somewhat disappointing, just battling in the run home to finish back in 11<sup>th</sup> placing in a fast-run race. She did however, still make the Young Guns Final the following week, but once again battled in the run to the line, to finish back in 9<sup>th</sup> placing.

Trainer Barry Purdon then decided, as Starski was still a little weak, it would be best to give her a good spell of about 4 months, so she was sent to the spelling paddock at Breckon Farms.

Starski's race performances have been reviewed and as she has in essence shown very little in her racing to date and is likely to struggle to make a successful racehorse and thus be costing the Syndicate money, the decision has been made to retire her from the Syndicate. She will be entered in the upcoming Autumn Weanling and All Age Sale in Auckland, scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> June and sold.

This is a shame, but I'm sure you will agree that we must be realistic as to the abilities of the fillies racing for your Syndicate and of course to ensure as much as possible that they pay their way.

Trainer **Brian & Gareth Hughes** :-

**Reachforthetill** (Art Major – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Having done well during her time out spelling at Breckon Farms, Reachforthetill returned to training with Brian and Gareth Hughes, on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, looking good and ready to go.

Reachforthetill immediately started jogging to increase her fitness and is to do about 6 weeks of this, before moving on to her hopped work.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> April Brian reported, "She's jogging at the moment. She's going along alright. She's in the cart most days, as she doesn't lead that well, as you have to chase her up. We'll just have to see how she goes."

Reachforthetill will soon move on to doing strong pace work and after she has completed about 4 weeks of this, she will commence the more serious speed aspect of her training.

All going to plan, hopefully Reachforthetill will be ready to make her first public appearance at the workouts in June.

Trainer **Mike Berger** :-

**Mermaid Explorer** (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Trainer Mike Berger was pleased with Mermaid Explorer's progress during her previous preparation, but because she was having a growth spurt, it was decided best that she go for a decent 6-month spell.

So, Mermaid Explorer was sent to Breckon Farms on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, to commence her time out in the spelling paddock, so has now completed almost 5 months of her time out.

Breckon Farms Farm Manager, Scott Yandley, reports, "Mermaid Explorer is enjoying a decent break. Winter rugs have just gone on and feet trimmed. She has been in a 'Good Paddock' and I don't think she will be a tall mare, but she has filled out nicely."

So, Mermaid Explorer continues to do well and it appears that this break in the spelling paddock is doing her the world of good.

With only 1 month remaining of her 6-month spell, Mermaid Explorer will be set to return to training about the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

This will be arranged and so it is hoped that Mermaid Explorer has derived the necessary benefit from her extended time out to be able to make it as a successful racehorse early in her 3-year-old season, around August/September.



## **Trainer Michael House :-**

### **Taylor Bromac** (Art Major – Tatijana Bromac)

Taylor Bromac returned from her enforced spell on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, looking good and having grown quite a considerable amount.

Talyor Bromac jogged for the first month of her training, before moving on to her hopped work. She has now completed her strong pace work in her first 6 weeks of hopped work and will now move on to work on her speed and down in her times.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> April, trainer Michael House reported, "Taylor Bromac is progressing through the levels of fitness as expected, without any issues or complications. By the end of next month we will be able to give you an indication of when we can expect her to trial."

So, Taylor Bromac is progressing well through her training regime and should be all set to go to the workouts towards the end of May.

It will be interesting to see how she progresses over the next month and of course great to see her at the workouts and hopefully back on track to make it as a successful racehorse.

Michael has kindly sent through a video of Taylor Bromac in a training run and this is attached to your email, so you can watch her run along. She has got a nice way of going, so hopefully it won't be long before we see her back at the track.

### **Group 1 Glory**

With Luby Lou's win in the Group 1 NZ Trotting Derby for the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, she created an amazing achievement for the Breckon Farms Syndicates.

Remarkably, every Breckon Farms Syndicate to date (other than your 2-year-old fillies) has had a Group 1 winner.

This incredible record began with The Good Sports Syndicate's Linda Lovegrace winning the Group 1 Caduceus Club 2YO Fillies Championship, then the Super Seven Syndicate's High Gait became a 4-time Group 1 winner, winning the Group 1 Redwood Classic, the Group 1 Breeders Crown 2YO Trotting Fillies Final, the Group 1 Need For Speed Princess Final and the Group 1 Victoria Trotters Oaks, then the Top Ten Syndicate's Partyon became a 5-time Group 1 winner, winning the Group 1 Harness Jewels 2YO Diamond, the Group 1 Breeders Crown 2YO Fillies Final, the Group 1 NSW Oaks, the Group 1 Northern Oaks and the Group 1 Queen Of Hearts and now of course Luby Lou won the Group 1 NZ Trotting Derby.

## **CONGRATULATIONS to all Syndicate Members !!!**

And of course ... **CONGRATULATIONS to Ken & Karen Brecon and Breckon Farms !!!**

With the early results already achieved with your Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate 2-year-old fillies, I'm sure it won't be too long before your Syndicate can follow suit.



## **Just as a reminder ...**



As advised by email, the Harness Jewels is on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at Cambridge Raceway.

The Harness Jewels is the premier championship harness racing event of the year where the season's best horses, drivers, trainers, breeders and owners compete for the Harness Jewels crowns in nine Group 1 races.

With over \$1.2 million in stakes to be won, the Harness Jewels is the richest race day in New Zealand.

This is your chance to be part of this exclusive event and enjoy the thrill and glamour that is Harness Jewels 2018 at Cambridge Raceway.

### ***Breckon Farms Syndicates currently have ...***

Partyon – (6<sup>th</sup> – down from 5<sup>th</sup>) on the Group 1 \$150,000 4YO Diamond Pacing Mares Leaderboard

Tickle Me Pink – (3<sup>rd</sup> – down from 1<sup>st</sup>) on the Group 1 \$125,000 2YO Ruby Trot Leaderboard

Luby Lou – (1<sup>st</sup> – up from 16<sup>th</sup>) on the Group 1 \$125,000 3YO Ruby Trot Leaderboard

Bubbled Up – (5<sup>th</sup> – up from 8<sup>th</sup>) on the Group 1 \$150,000 2YO Diamond Pacing Fillies Leaderboard

So, it will be a great opportunity to get along and support these horses and enjoy a great days racing.

Breckon Farms will be forming tables in the Premium Marquee, so it is recommended that you book immediately to join one of their tables.

Be among the best dressed with tickets to the Premium Marquee at the premier harness racing event of the year. Located trackside, you will have unobstructed views of the racing action close to the winning post.

Seated at a table of ten, you will enjoy a luncheon like no other, with a platter on arrival followed by gourmet buffet lunch and decadent dessert served to your table. A selection of premium beverages are included in your package.

If this is your annual day out, you have a horse competing for a Harness Jewels crown or you want to treat yourself to a special day at the races, this is the spot for you.

**Your package includes:-**

- entry and reserved seating in the exclusive premium marquee for the duration of the day
- platter on arrival, buffet lunch and petit fours with tea and coffee
- premium beer and wine beverage package available until the start of race nine.

**Usual Price:-**

Table for 10 guests: \$3000 per table.

Individual tickets: \$320 per person.

**Breckon Farms Price:-**

By special arrangement, individual tickets are at the discounted rate of \$300 per person, but you must say you are with the Breckon Farms Party.

**Premium Marquee - How to buy:-**

Phone: Charlotte Mooney on 07-827-5506, or ...

Email: [charlotte@cambridgeraceway.co.nz](mailto:charlotte@cambridgeraceway.co.nz)

Book Online @ <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/jun/harness-jewels-2018> giving the discount code:- BRECKONFARMSPARTY

If the Premium Marquee is not for you, there are other areas available and these are listed via the following link @ <https://www.theraces.co.nz/harnessjewels>, that you are welcome to also book yourself directly.

**Holiday**

I am about to embark on a very rare holiday and will be away from the 25<sup>th</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

As a result, there will unfortunately be no newsletter for the month of May, but I have arranged for Karen Breckon and Elaine Culley to keep you informed with emails as activities determine.

These will give you the usual detail of upcoming races and workouts or trials, so hopefully you will remain fully informed until my return.

Please accept my apologies in advance for the lack of a newsletter next month, but unfortunately this is unavoidable and will be the first lot of monthly newsletters I have missed since I joined Breckon Farms almost 4 years ago.

Good luck for all your racing that may occur during my absence, I look forward to seeing you at the Jewels, which will be happening just 2 days after my return.

Thanks for your understanding.



### **Newsletters On the Website**

Please remember, your monthly newsletters will also be displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them 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)

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, you will find the 'The Perfect 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 let's hope there are many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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