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Hi there

Welcome to another monthly newsletter for the Breckon Farms – Top Ten Syndicate.

Happy New Year to you all !!!

I hope that you had a great festive season and all the best for your fillies hopefully making it to race successfully in 2016.

Things continue to progress well for your fillies that are currently in training and already three have made their first public appearances at the trials and workouts, with Partyon (Party) being the first back in November, notching up a good 2nd placing, then Regal Love (Love) just last week winning her trial and this week Holdon For Tonite (Angela) had a somewhat mixed run to finish 6th in her workout.

There's more to come soon, initially from Regal Love (Love) and Holdon For Tonite (Angela) again next week at the Rangiora Trials, then we'll be looking forward to seeing Callmemaybe (May), Double Twist (Nat), Moving Money (Molly) and Partyon (Party) again, all in the next month or so.

Unlikely Lady (Lady) and Diamond Lace (Lacey) are in training and making progress and Loveonthelawn (Roxy) and Fellamonstabeauty (Beauty) are about to return from their spells.

So there is plenty of upcoming action to look forward to.

I'm sure the action is about to hot up too, so I will be in touch by email with updates, as and when these are available.

In the meantime, **GOOD LUCK** with all your fillies impending assignments.

I look forward to meeting you personally soon, hopefully once all the action starts at the workouts, trials, or maybe even at the races.



Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen:-

<u>Regal Love</u> (Love You – Regal Volo)

Having returned to Mark and Natalie's stable on the 29th October, Love made good progress in her training and was ready to make her first public appearance and attend the trials a little earlier than expected. So she was to be the second of your fillies to attend the trials.

This was to be at the Rangiora HRC Trials, at Rangiora, on the 6th January, where Love was to compete in a 2YO Mobile Trot, over 2000m, with a Qualifying Time required of 2:42.0. She drew Barrier No. 3, in a small 4-horse field and was to be driven by co-trainer Natalie Rasmussen.

Love was safely away from the mobile start and was eased back by Nat to settle 3-back in the running. With a little over a lap-to-go, Love's stablemate One Over Da Stars, who had been trailing, hooked out and went around to take over the lead, but Nat was content to sit 3-bac, as she had been.

Down the back straight the final time, the gaps started to open up between runners, but rounding the last turn they closed up again and at the 400m mark Love pulled out to make her move forward, but Needle came off the markers in front of her and pushed her 3-wide as they continued round the bend.

As they straightened up for the run up the home straight, Love ran on strongly out wide and maintained her run to get home a narrow winner, by a $\frac{1}{2}$ head, over Custodian who came up the passing lane.

Love's winning time was 2:43.3 (MR 2:11.3), with closing sectionals of 60.5 for the last 800m and 30.0 for the last 400m. This time was 1.3 seconds outside the required Qualifying Time, so Love had not ofiicially qualified, but this outing was more about education than anything.

Natalie said, "She was very good. She's sensible and just a natural 2-year-old really."

Here is a photo from the All Stars Stable Website of Love's trial at Rangiora on the 6th January; that's her (left) powering down the outer at the finish ...



Natalie has now advised that Love will trial again next Wednesday, the 20th January, "as she didn't actually qualify last time", as she moves towards making her race debut.

I will confirm details when they are available for her trial and then we can hopefully look forward to her being set to make her race debut.

Won't that be exciting?

Partyon (Bettor's Delight – Beach Parade)

After being the first of your fillies to make their first public appearance, having attended the trials at Addington on the 4^{th} November, where she finished a good 2^{nd} placing, Party had a short spell to freshen her up.

Party had 4 weeks off, returning to training with Mark and Natalie on the 7th December.

So Party has completed her 6th week back in training and is progressing well.

Natalie reported this week, "She's a big girl. We're quite happy with her. She should be ready to trial in about 4 weeks. Her aim is for the March Young Guns in Auckland."

So Party should be set to trial again in about 4 weeks and then look to have a tilt at the Young Guns Fillies Heat, in Auckland, on the 4th March. This is also a Sires Stakes Qualifying Race and hopefully if Party does make it there, she can perform well enough to qualify for the Young Guns Final which is run as the Group 2 Delightful Lady Classic, on the 11th March, also at Alexandra Park.

This would certainly be something for us all to look forward to with lots of excitement, so I will keep you informed and confirm details, firstly of Party's trial if it eventuates before your next newsletter.

Trainer Cran Dalgety:

Holdon For Tonite (Somebeachsomewhere – Angela Patron)

Angela also had about 4 weeks off, before returning to training at Cran's stable on the 1st November.

She spent 4 weeks jogging, before moving on to her hoppled work, working down nicely and pleasing Cran with her progress. Her times were good and she slowly increased her speed and her condition improved with a loss of some weight and her increased fitness.

Angela too, was to be ready to attend the workouts, a little sooner than was anticipated and she was to be the third of your fillies to make their first public appearance. This was to be on the 13^{th} January, at the Northern Canterbury Trotting Workouts, at Rangiora.

Angela competed in a CO Mobile Pace, over 2000m, in which she drew Barrier No. 7, in an 8-horse field and was to be driven by top stable driver Dexter Dunn.

Dexter took Angela back off the mobile gate at the start from her wide draw, to settle in 2^{nd} -to-last position in the field, as they ran along in single file. With about a lap-to-go a breaking horse came back through the field causing a bit of back wash and Angela lost some momentum and the horse settled again in front of her, so she was still back 2^{nd} -to-last.

As some started to make moves and the field began to bunch towards the end of the back straight the final time, Angela had got a long way off the pace. She was still a long way off the main bunch as the turned for home, but run home quite well in the last 200m to beat three other runners home.

Angela finished in 6th placing, over 16 lengths from the winner.

The winner was American Tart, in a time of 2:30.9 (MR 2:01.3), with the last 800m completed in 57.5 and the last 400m in 27.5.

Cran said afterwards, "She's on the bit at home, but today she was lazy and loose lined all the way. She was on the left line, then on the right line, up then back. I'll put blinds on her; that will sharpen her up. She should be better in her second run. She is one of my better fillies. She's only gone fair, but it was better than it looked. We'll go again next Wednesday [20th January], at Rangiora."

So, Angela will attend the trials again next Wednesday, the 20th January, at Rangiora once again and hopefully will put up a better performance, as Cran is still quite upbeat about her.

So, it looks like you will have two runners at the same trials next week, with Love also to attend, so I will confirm details to you once they are available.

Good luck for this run !!!

Trainer Ken Barron:

Moving Money (Bettor's Delight – Angela's Dream)

After enjoying a 7-week spell, Molly returned to training on the 16th November, immediately starting jogging to lift her fitness and moved on to pace work after Christmas.

She is progressing well with Ken advising on the 15th January, "Everything's going along really well. She's going nicely. She down to working a half [800m] in 68 seconds and a quarter [400m] in 32 seconds. Beautiful."

Molly will continue to work down in her times and should be ready to attend the workouts or trials in February, everything going to plan.

I'm sure this will be an exciting time for you to look forward to and if she is ready to trial before your next newsletter, I'll email confirmation and details directly to you.

Trainer Geoff Small:

<u>Callmemaybe</u> (Artsplace – Dale Elinor)

May had an 8-week spell at Breckon Farms and returned to training with Geoff on the 30^{th} September.

She completed 4 weeks of jogging, before moving on to her hoppled work and has been pleasing Geoff with her efforts.

May did have an easy time after getting a little bump on her knee that restricted her fast work and put her behind slightly in her schedule, but has been building her work up since and bringing her times down, with Geoff reporting on the 15th January, "She's coming along OK. If she works good early next week, then we'll probably look at going to the workouts on the 23rd [January]. We'll see how she goes and I'll let you know."

The pressure is starting to be put on May now, so it will depend how she copes with this and how she progresses, as to how far she will go this time in training. She still needs to keep improving and to go to the next level, to be able to go on and trial and/or race.

Hopefully May will step up and improve as required, so she too will be looking to make her first public appearance very soon.

This will be more excitement to look forward to, so I'll keep you posted.

Unlikely Lady (Artsplace – Affairs Are Bettor)

After having her early education in the South, it was recommended that Lady be transferred from Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen's stable, so it was arranged for her to go to Geoff Small at Pukekohe.

Lady travelled North and was to have a spell at Breckon Farms first. She spent about 6 weeks there and was then ready to return to training with her new trainer. She returned to training on the 14^{th} December.

Lady started jogging immediately and after a month moved on to pace work in the hopples. Geoff reports, "She's grown quite a lot and developed too. She's eating well and looks like she's still growing. Everything seems pretty good at this stage and she doesn't appear to have any hang ups. We'll start her with the GP [Galloping Pacemaker] next week and start putting the clock on her."

It appears that Lady is making good progress, so it will be interesting to see how she continues to go and if she can make it to the workouts and/or trials this time in and maybe even go on to make her debut at the races.

So, it is a case of so far so good, but we will have to wait and see how Lady progresses, once her work becomes more serious.

Trainer Barry Purdon:-

Love onthelawn (Love You – Rock N Rhonda)

After completing her second preparation, Roxy was sent for a decent time in the spelling paddock.

She had pleased Barry with her progress and was trotting along nicely at the end of this time in work, but he had decided it would be best to give her a decent break now.

Roxy has been doing well during her time at Breckon Farms and is looking good and after having her time out extended by about a month, she is now due to return to training. This has been arranged for next week, so it will be interesting to see how Roxy progresses this time in.

Barry is still of the opinion that he doesn't know if she is going to make a 2-year-old, but further education in an effort to find out is certainly warranted and if she does get there, then she still has time to make it as a late 2-year-old.

It will be interesting to follow her progress.

Fellamonstabeauty (Bettor's Delight – Goodlookinggirl)

Beauty had made good progress in her second preparation with Barry and although she lacked a little high speed, she was strong and so it was decided to press on with her in an attempt to make it to race as an early 2-year-old, maybe even in the Young Guns Fillies Series in February/March.

Beauty had continued to make good progress, when she met with an unfortunate mishap, suffering an injury to her knee when she got caught up in the harrows after getting out of her yard one night. The injury was not serious, but after her knee had swollen up, it was decided best to give Beauty a spell to allow her knee to heal.

She was sent to Breckon Farms to have a 2-month break, but this was extended on Barry's recommendation, to be a total of 3 months out.

Beauty has done well at Breckon Farms and did retain full flex in her knee and was not sore on it at any stage. Hopefully this will have given her the time she needed to make a full recovery.

Beauty is now scheduled to return to training next week, so hopefully she will make it to the races this campaign, maybe even as a late 2-year-old.

Trainer Tony Herlihy:

Diamond Lace (Artsplace – Diamonds N Gold)

Having had two preparations and all of her early education with Todd Macfarlane, Lacey was to go for another spell at Breckon Farms.

She spent 7 weeks out, before returning to training with Tony Herlihy, on the 11th December.

Lacey has been jogging to increase her fitness since she went to Tony's and is continuing to do so.

You may remember that Lacey had shown some attitude problems during her time with Todd and while at Breckon Farms, Scott Yarndley had said that she did still have a bit of an attitude about her, well this has continued onto her time at Tony's.

Tony's foreman Tremain Thorby reported this week, "She's still jogging, but she does have a mind of her own. She's OK for 20 or 25 minutes and then she'll go to pull up or run off the track. When it happens, you've really got no choice but to come off the track. I've had her on the lead this week and with a stick in the other hand to tap her up if she goes to stop and she's been OK. She just needs to learn. We'll sort her out."

Let's hope that they can get her sorted, as these sorts of attitudes are not the best to have.

It will certainly be very interesting to see how she progresses, especially as things get more serious for her in her training.

I'm sure they will get her sorted, so let's hope that Lacey can make it to the trials and maybe even the races this time in.

Trainer Brent Mangos :-

<u>Double Twist</u> (Artsplace – Giveitawhirlgirl)

After having a good long 3-month break at Breckon Farms, Nat returned to training on the 2^{nd} November.

She completed 4 weeks of jogging, before starting on her hoppled work and has been making good progress, pleasing trainer Brent Mangos.

Brent reported on the 15th January, "She seems good and is a nice filly. I took her to Pukekohe today, to work her and for her to have her first look at the track. She came a half [800m] in 61 [seconds] and the quarter [400m] in 28.5 [seconds] and worked nicely. She does lack a little A-B speed, but she's definitely going to make the grade. She looks quite nice. She's quite a big filly, so I may not be able to push her too hard right now and it may be that she'll be better later in the season, but we'll see. She should be ready for the workouts in a couple of weeks, sometime early in February. We'll give her a run in a Learners Heat first-up and go from there. I'll probably give her a couple of workouts before we decide where we're at."

So Nat is getting closer to being yet another one of your fillies to make their first public appearance; they're certainly coming thick and fast now, which is great.

When Nat is ready to attend the workouts, I will confirm the details to you by email and once again, I'm sure it will be something to look forward to and exciting for us all.

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Good luck and many wins to come ...

Cheers **Rob**



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