

The Good Sports Syndicate

Newsletter October 2013

Great to have you all on board 'The Good Sports Syndicate'

Monthly newsletters will be sent to syndicate members and you will be able to view updates on the fillies at the Breckon Farms web site and Facebook page – www.breckonfarms.co.nz and 'like us' on the Breckon Farms facebook page and receive automatic updates.

To start things off we thought you might like to get to know your fellow syndicate members!

Ken & Karen Breckon who you will all know, have been heavily involved in the harness racing industry for many years!

Phillip & Glenys Kennard live in Christchurch, and are very good friends of Ken & Karen Breckon, sharing the same passion for harness racing. Phillip & Glenys are involved both in property development and Real Estate. The Kennard's are also involved in a number of very successful racing syndicate ventures, with Glenys spending a lot of her time managing these syndicates.

David Sixton & John Hart, both business consultants, David previously was employed as a CEO at the Fletcher Group and John Hart of course, rugby coach for the All Blacks and previously employee Relations Director with Fletcher Challenge Limited. Both have had many years racing both Standardbred & Thoroughbred horses.

Bruce & Sharon Tarry – long-time friends of the Breckon family originally from Auckland they are now semi-retired and living in Mangawhai, although Sharon still helps her daughter out at the Salty Dog Inn at Snells Beach. Bruce & Sharon have been followers of Harness Racing for many years.

Bevan & Angela Gracie – Bevan is the Managing Director for Apex Valves, whilst Angela is kept busy looking after their 7 year old twin daughters. This is the Gracie's first foray into racing leased horses.

Ken & Pam Osborne – Ken is the Managing Director of Qubik in Te Awamutu, with Pam running the administration side of the business. Qubik provide the complete package to farmers when it comes to Milking Systems, Effluent management, refrigeration and water reticulation – hence the association & friendship with Ken Breckon & Hydroflow. Ken & Pam are also avid followers of Harness Racing.

Dean & Rose Palmer – Dean is the National Sales Manager at Hydroflow and his wife Rose is a Territory Manager for Caroma. Dean has had been interested in harness racing for many years, attending many race meetings with Hydroflow and other syndicate interests.

The Fillies.....

We have 3 fillies with [Mark Purdon](#) at his new training complex in Rolleston Christchurch called All Stars Racing. Mark has clocked up over 1,000 winners as a driver and trainer and is one of the top trainers in NZ. Mark also has training facilities in Auckland, enabling his charges to be raced in both the North and South Islands. These are the fillies with Mark...

Alannah Hall is our only syndicate 'trotter' and Mark is very pleased with her progress. He has said she is a 'nice actioned trotter and has done everything right in the early stage and is sure to progress'.

Big Lucy - Mark has commented that she has been showing good signs in training and is doing everything right, looks a nice sort.

Linda Lovegrace - We're all very excited about this one and I'm sure the name will turn heads too! She will be trialling early in November and is looking very encouraging in everything to date. The trial is the next step to assess where everything is at but certainly it looks positive.

Tony Herlihy of 'Strike Won Racing Stables' is based out at Papakura and he is currently training 1 of the syndicate fillies. Tony is NZ's most successful driver of all time and has driven more than 3,000 winners. Our filly with Tony is....

Ctheballerina - Tony has said that 'Everything she has done has been done very well and she has now been turned out for 6 to 8 weeks. This break will allow plenty of time to develop and mature'.

Legendary harness racing trainer **Barry Purdon** has his stables out at Clevedon. Barry runs a successful operation and has recorded many Group 1 wins including the Auckland & NZ Trotting Cups. Interestingly 2 of our syndicate members – David Sixton & John Hart have experienced great success with Barry, in particular with the great horse Holmes DG and currently racing the very good horse Pembroke Benny. Barry is training 2 of the syndicate fillies...

Hot Hooves is heading in the right direction and makes good progress every day. A quick learner and won't take long to learn what the racing game is all about.

Love is a Drug is showing plenty of ability and has done everything we have asked of her to date. Has plenty of scope to develop further.

Geoff Small has a very successful training facility at Patamahoe south of Auckland called Zenola Farm. Geoff has trained many great horses over the years & has won many feature races in Australasia. Our pacing filly with Geoff is Pinup Pony....

Pinup Pony is doing solid pace work. She had a bit of an attitude early on and is very tough, but we're sorting that out and we'll be deciding in the next few weeks whether to keep going or give her a break.

And last but not least we have **Cran Dalgety** training from his property 'Kentuckiana Lodge' in West Melton, Canterbury. Cran's top team of drivers and experienced support staff ensure Kentuckiana Lodge horses get every opportunity for success. Last season Cran Dalgety was recognised as the top trainer in NZ by achieving the most wins over the racing season. Glitzy Gal is the filly we have with Cran...

Glitzy Gal – Cran has been working on developing her action and she is now a lot more fluent in her stride. She is not big but what lacks in size she makes up for with a big heart and her determination.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 7 pacing fillies (Alannah Hall is not eligible as she is a trotter) have been made for the 2014 Seymour Nursery Pace Series 24 in Queensland, further details of this race series can be found at <http://www.harnessracingqueensland.com/industry/events-and-series/nursery-pace.aspx>

If you'd like to have your picture included in the next newsletter please send a recent photo to

elaine@hydroflow.co.nz That way you can perhaps recognise your fellow syndicate members should you bump into them at the track!

Great to have you all on board and see you at the races!!!

Cheers

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