

NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION

OWNERS' BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



THE RACING INDUSTRY BILL currently before Parliament and the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee could be considered not your normal run of the mill Bill that Parliament considers. Most Bills before Parliament don't have the huge financial impacts that will affect industry participants such as this Bill will have on the future of the NZ Racing Industry.

To be honest if the members of the Select Committee don't make changes after the Select Committee hearings just completed then one could say that some members political career and aspirations could be short lived come Election time. I personally hope not!

When the Bill is presented for its second reading, I hope to see a Bill and framework that will better enable our industry going forward and see more of a partnership approach between TAB Ltd and the Racing Codes. Owner's want to see increased stakes soon, as the gap between current costs and returns is very narrow and return on investment poor.

On a brighter note it's good to see the current thoroughbred stock in racing achieving high accolades in NZ and abroad which evidences that our progeny is well sought after.

I congratulate all owners who have had success since our last issue and may it continue. We have our stars but even they can be nosed out as we have seen in the NZ Derby. I believe the racing fields have been very competitive of late and this is good for our industry as it generates interest and following.

Your Owners' Federation Executive will be meeting at the end of March and a brief of what was discussed and considered will be communicated to all members soon after.

**Happy Racing,
Bernard Hickey**



NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED
RACEHORSE OWNERS
FEDERATION

7th February 2020

**SUBMISSION TO TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE SELECT COMMITTEE
FROM NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED OWNERS FEDERATION INCORPORATED
ON THE RACING INDUSTRY BILL 2**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Owners Federation ("NZTROF") represents the interests of thoroughbred owners and has around 1,100 members. Its goal is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport of thoroughbred racing on behalf of all owners.

Owners are an indispensable part of the racing industry and are significant investors in it. While horse ownership is a hobby for many people, it can still be a significant financial commitment for them. Accordingly, the health of the industry is very important to our members and racing could not exist without them.

The numbers involved in horse ownership are reducing. Significant stakes increases are needed to give existing owners the confidence to buy into more horses and give potential owners a reason to become an owner. Without stake increases, ownership levels will continue to fall as stakes fail to keep up with costs. Falling ownership levels and interest will hasten the industry's decline and have a negative impact on the financial position of all industry participants such as breeders, trainers and jockeys.

The Minister of Racing sought advice on the state of the Racing Industry through commissioning a report by John Messara. Messara's recommendations were accepted by all, especially the Minister and seen as being a catalyst for change for the betterment of our ailing Industry.

Achieving the right outcome out of these recommendations through legislative change is agreed but the current Racing Industry Bill before the Select Committee is far from the intent of the Messara Report. In its current form, the Bill does not deliver on the excellent intentions to revitalise the industry and return it to its former greatness and passion.

NZTROF welcomes the opportunity to propose improvements to the Bill to ensure that it delivers on the Minister's intention to implement the recommendations of the Messara Report and raises the following concerns:

- The governance and functions of the TAB and Industry Codes should be led by them rather than Government. Clause 8 of the Bill provides limited and narrow list of functions and does not include many of the functions listed in the Messara Report. TAB NZ is wagering, and Codes is racing. Messara recommended a framework that would "enable industry leadership and management to pursue more effective decision-making".
- Membership of the TAB NZ governing body is solely governed by Ministerial control. This is not the role of Government and not governance practice. The Codes should have some input or agreement around these board appointments.

The criteria and experience required is not disputed but the clause doesn't go far enough to seek Code input to the process or nominees.

Furthermore, NZTROF also wants to see some transparency and accountability by those who lead TAB NZ going forth. There is no mention in this Bill around 'Duty of Care' or 'Fiscal Responsibility' for those in governance roles.

- Use and control of the industry's intellectual property sits solely with TAB NZ. The codes and the TAB must all be able to use racing's intellectual property for the benefit of the industry but allocating all racing IP to the TAB without any protections for the industry does not achieve this. This clause should be deleted and let status quo prevail.
- The proposed structure of the new Racing Integrity Board risks the independence we need between Stewards, Investigators and Judicial bodies to ensure that participants and punters have confidence in the integrity of racing. What is proposed is not 'natural justice'. The current structure and system are working well so why change it; and
- The distribution formula to the 'Codes' should be quite straight forward and addressed in the Bill without further delay as this relates indirectly to increased stakes to 'Owners'. Therefore, Section 61 should be deleted as it infers Ministerial control. The Bill's revenue description is highly prejudicial against the primary beneficiary, the horse racing industry. Racing is considered the primary beneficiary due to the Part 1 (3) of the Bill. The formula is simple and should be fixed for three (3) years based on the average total betting turnover (totalisator and fixed odds) for each 'Code' on the last preceding three (3) years. This would allow each 'Code' to budget and promote its code more diligently to ensure it either maintains or increases future distribution from TAB NZ.
- Interesting enough the Minister can appoint a Commissioner if the Codes cannot settle a dispute, but there is no provision for a Commissioner to be appointed if the Codes and TAB NZ are in dispute. Is this Justice!

NZTROF fully endorses the submission prepared and submitted on the Racing Industry Bill by our code governing body, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated. In our view there is still more work to be done. Owners want to see increase in stakes or reduced costs through the introduction of this Bill.

NZTROF wishes to appear in support of its submission.

**Signed,
Bernard Hickey, President**

EDITORIAL

Neil Miller

It's been a hot summer and that has been mirrored by the hot action many of our members have had at the races.

The Te Akau team have lead the way by winning the Karaka Millions and taking it to the 'cousins' in Sydney. Gee those Ozzie dollars are good when you can get them! I need to chase up Karyn Fenton-Ellis to do a write up on that but there is more to come from the stars I am sure.

Trelawney family, the Taylors' lead the New Zealand Bloodstock Sales average and that is just reward for this equine nursery that is so internationally respected.

We have given the Racing Hall of Fame a push in this issue. That volunteer group is lead by an aforesaid Taylor, name of Cherry.

There are inductees this year associated to us. Sir Peter Vela, who needs no introduction, is to be inducted, as is the mighty Mufhasa. winner of 10 Group 1 races owned by member David Archer, the founder of FastTrack Insurance that feeds much needed money into New Zealand Racing.

The NZ Derby was won by Sherwood Forest, part owned by our member Calder Bloodstock and the amazing star Probabeel is owned by members Brendan and Jo Lindsay.

If you think I am 'name dropping' well you could be right, but all the above are connected in the fact that they all 'put back' to racing.

If you feel you are not in this loop and own a very small share of a horse, this sport of Racing can take you to great heights too and a win anywhere is a big 'ups.' Also, we represent all of you.

Working hard for you is our Owners Federation Executive in discussing and formulating the submission you see on Page 2. And the very able President, Bernard Hickey has followed this up with attendance at the "Hearings".

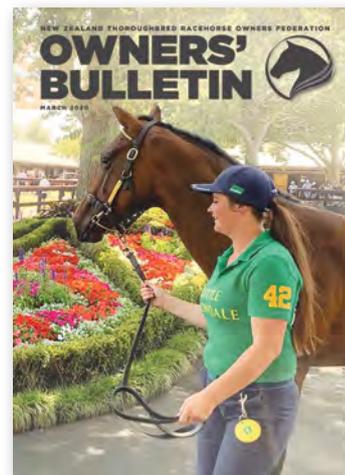
Your executive keeps in contact by tele-conference and email. We will also meet at Awapuni on 29 March.

There is a report on the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sales. And another from Catwalk Trust wanting to communicate their thanks for the windfall of the filly gifted to sell on their behalf.

Luke Kemeys of "Boys Get Paid" reports in wonderment of the Karaka Million night that went 'gangbusters'

To wrap this up are two stories of Owners. Virginia Healey who learned lots on a Go Racing weekend away – and another story on the Gerard's. These relate some members experiences in Racing Syndicates. They should not be read as an endorsement by your federation.

For your story - Contact me - neilandjeanette@yahoo.com



OUR COVER

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP



AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND *Mike Gething & Sally Blyth*

Welcome to new members and special thanks to new committee member Virginia Healey for her encouragement of owners she knows, to join with us.

Derby Day – just such a thrill – good on the owners of Sherwood Forest. Just goes to show that being able to stay is never a given until it happens. I, like others probably, lost money on one of the two favourites!! Congratulations to those involved.

For all the owners, trainers, stable staff of every horse my compliments and thanks for your contributions – without every part you play we would not have such great competition.

To top it off, across the Tasman New Zealand owned and trained stars made it a special day – huge congrats to you all!!

I trust most put in a submission to the Racing Bill. We as owners, really need the changes that John Messara proposed, to come to fruition.

We plan to have a social event in September 2020 at Counties on Haunui Farm Karaka Classic Day. We are waiting for confirmation of the calendar before naming the date. It is very likely we will hold our AGM just prior to the first race in the hope of attracting better interest and attendance.

Best wishes. Mike.

The sun was shining on Derby Day, 29 February, as everyone geared up for a great day at Ellerslie. Racing got under way with a lovely win in the first by favourite Star Tsar, owned by Auckland member David Paykel.

The field for the Mufhasa FastTrack Stakes was led out by the race's namesake, the wonderful Mufhasa (Mufy) with David Archer watching proudly. He looked a picture and seemed to want to race too. The race was won in style by Star of Bombay, with a very happy band of owners celebrating. Bella Mente rocketed home for second.

Gingernuts (Jerry) led the field out for the Vodafone NZ Derby, he looked magnificent. There's always such a great sense of anticipation for this race, and you could feel it on course.

It was expected that the two favourites, Dragon Leap and Two Illicit, would fight out the finish but the Tony Pike-trained Sherwood Forest, with Michael Walker aboard, ran away with the win for owners Goodson and Perron Family Trust, Calder Bloodstock Ltd (NZTROF Member)

and Deborah Martin. Scenes of great jubilation followed.

Two Illicit, for owners/members Brent and Cherry Taylor, Faith Taylor, S L Malcolm and Jane Taylor, was game in defeat. Her racing stats are an impressive 4 wins, 2 seconds and a third from 7 starts. Scorpz romped home for third. Both second and third horses ran the last 600m in 0.35.81, the fastest of the race. The 2020 Derby was right up there with the best.

All the races on the card provided entertainment and thrills, including the win by Communique (by Redwood) in the McKee Family Sunline Vase for owner and NZTROF member K J Hickman ONZM – a huge finish out wide.

Black and white dominated in the fashion stakes, with competitors vying to win the Fashion in the Fields, and there was even a Leap Year Day marriage proposal on course when Hollie McIntyre proposed to her partner Andrew Welsh on the dais. He said yes and everyone cheered.

I was thrilled to be back at Ellerslie after not being able to attend the big days over the festive season due to being away. There's something about those big days at Ellerslie that is hard to describe – congratulations to all members with winners in action over the summer period.

After the last race, some of us stayed on to watch the Kiwi horses in action over in Australia. While Catalyst disappointed, the runs of Probabeel and Te Akau Shark were simply outstanding. Opie was in his best form – it was astounding to watch him get both horses from seemingly impossible positions at the tail of the field to zoom down the outside and get up with a measure of ease. Not once, but twice. Superb.

One thing to watch out for at Ellerslie now is the parking situation. A new system means that if you enter via the Ascot carpark (the previous norm for ARC membership parking) your registration number will be recognised, and you have to enter your details and pay (\$10 per day). The two pay machines are poorly situated, barely visible from most parts of the carpark and far from the racecourse entrance. ARC members beware – be sure to enter the members' area from the Ellerslie carpark.

This is just a small flavour of a wonderful day. Looking forward to Auckland Cup day on 7 March.

Sally.

WAIKATO *Tony Lyndon*

The recent Matamata Breeders Day produced an outstanding performance by Levante, winning her fourth race in only four starts, her first one only last year on December 6th. However, her owners are not just involved but big participants in racing. Cath and Phil Brown, Tony and Mary Enting, Mark Tapper and Sandringham Investments. Being in the Kelso stable proved to be of major benefit.

Again, at Matamata with just two couples in her ownership Our Alley Cat was a worthy winner. Martin and Raewyn Armstrong and Michael and Vicky Prendergast being those owners with Vicky doing the training. Raewyn bred her and the good friends formed a partnership.

Joe's Legacy was a deserved winner with the Auckland Cup on the horizon. Owners are Kelly and Allan Price, Bob and Trish Hall, Jim Peacock, M & J Begovich, S Begovich, Ali Williams, Duchess of Sussex ...'oh no'... Bedford, Will Rouse and Berri Schroder. By Guillotine and only a 5yo with all before him.

On December 28 at Matamata, On Demand, by Pins, won for Steph Tierney. It was an 'all girls' result with Chelsea Burdan riding for owner Mrs Josie Hines. Welcome Josie, your Mum and Dad, Gladys and Geoff Hodgson had many good horses from the Wally Townsend stable in years gone by.

Many had mixed emotions when Babiche won at Te Rapa on 21 December for owner-breeder Carol Marshall, Sally Marshall, G & L Farley, Mrs A Paykel, but also the Estate of the late Bob Morris. Babiche traces back to Carol's Group winning mare Giovana.

The Michael Wallace stable had a good win that day with Seemax, using the promising jockey Mubs Kareen. Also, from that small stable, a consistent run by Lochwinnoch.

Valmur, for Helen and Les Collins of Cambridge, won her maiden at Auckland on 12 December over 2100m and she went on to win a \$30k race



Carnaby wins again

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at Trentham on 11 January. Small time, total ownership and work input is to be admired. Les has a full-time job with Milan Park Stud owned by Tony Rider. Another by Ocean Park, racing over 2100m Valmur has amassed seven cheques in a row.

Garry Chittick and Jim Pender took on the Group 2 Cal Isuzu Stakes at Te Rapa with a one race winner in The Real Beel. A brave, knowledgeable move taking on Yearn with seven wins and others in similar vein. But the \$62,500 prize was theirs. "A Real Savabeel".

Members Cath and Mark Lupton are the lucky owners of Yearn with 7 wins, 8 seconds, 7 thirds and 3 fourths to her name.

Riodini lost no friends in running third in the Levin Classic behind Travelling Light. The Galbraith and Lewis families could not be prouder. We would all like to have one like him.

At Trentham the \$100k Wakefield Challenge Stakes was won by Not An Option who has two good wins and a second to his name. Owned by B J & J Lindsay, Raffles Racing, R Ferguson, Haunui Farm, M Watson, N Greenhalgh and B & L Waldron.

Catalyst and Dick Karreman, you give us huge thrills. Out of an Entrepreneur mare! So well done by former successful jumping rider and now trainer, Clayton Chipperfield.

Shanqueen was a Pukekohe winner for the Shand family, she trained by Peter and Dawn Williams. A lovely upstanding mare by Tavistock. Her high head carriage requires the use of a shadow roll so she will apply herself to the job.

Trainer Ralph Manning was in the winner's circle with first starter He's a Looker for Hughes, Looker, Pratt and Smith at New Plymouth. Ralph also had success with Cutting Up Rough at Te Rapa for S Harris, RR, AK & RJR Manning and Making Waves for the same owners was a winner at Matamata on Dec 6th. Another of his team, Reflection had a nice win for AB (Tony) Combe, a Waikato member. 🐾

HAWKES BAY

Havelock North resident Judith Buckeridge along with her daughter Luci Firth, granddaughter Stephanie and four others were delighted when De Koning led all the way to win over 2200m at Awapuni on 4th January, it was the Niagara geldings fourth win.

Flaxmere baker Ian Holloway's faith in Ivan Kane, a winner of two races in the South Island was rewarded when he was brought north to Woodville trainer Shane Brown stable, winning at Hastings on New Year's Day. It was his fourth win in only 14 starts.

Four of the Mr Mor syndicate were keen to get another jumper when he retired so were able to lease 50% in Carnaby off Manawatu members

WANGANUI & TARANAKI

Brian O'Dea

Wanganui committee member Judy Duncan is having a good run with Heirloom which she bred and races on her own account, having won twice recently.

G A MacDonald and Steak Goodin, two of the owners of Shez Sinsational are continuing to have success with her daughter Sinarahma, winner of five, the most recent win being the WFA Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

The Lynskey family have had a very good summer with Malo Bik winning another three for a total of five to date.

A large number of the Dravitzki family along with Mrs Megchelse have recently picked up a win with Cate Blanco.

The Gorbachev syndicate of Kevin O'Donnell, Paul Bardell, Joe Huwyler and Brian O'Dea keeps winning when not expected to, so long may it continue.

When the Wanganui Jockey Club advertised the position of Racecourse Manager in 2019, they must have been very pleased with the skill set of the leading applicant Craig Osman. He had experience of green keeping – at golf courses, chemical handling and machinery use, as well as having been involved for thirty plus years in the thoroughbred industry.

That started with a year in the broodmare unit at Waikato Stud, followed by a period at the Rogerson Racing stable as a groom/foreman. Duties included breaking in of young horses, stable work, facility maintenance and in sole charge when travelling horses throughout N.Z.

The next move, in 1996 was to the Noel Eales facility, where he also travelled horses around the country. At the latter end of this period Craig started training his own gallopers, including Riverstar, a winner on Wanganui Cup day.

Having considerable skills playing golf, at times on a handicap of 3, he became a greenkeeper at



Malo Bik – Great colours – wins again

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Auckland's Manukau Golf Club for several years. In recent years he has returned to the home turf of Whanganui to work in the family business M.R. Osman, Joinery & Furniture Manufacturer, making kitchens, stairs, windows and high-class household furniture. This was followed by a stint as sole charge Superintendent at the Waverley Golf Course.

Taking over as Wanganui Racecourse Manager last spring, Craig's nerves were a bit on edge for the Wanganui Cup meeting in November as among other changes a new watering system had been installed. All went well, which was pleasing as to make a seamless transition from the retiring Manager, Mark Buckley, with forty years' experience, was a considerable achievement. Compliments have flowed at recent race meetings from the Stipes on the condition of the track.

Also, Gary Vile, President of the Central Trainers has sent a letter to the Wanganui Jockey Club congratulating them on the quality of the racing surface. This must be very satisfying for Craig and his team.

Jann, Craig's wife, is involved in the training and preparation of their own horses so is regularly seen at the track and in fact has been helping out at the gap during training gallops. 🐾

Michael Collinson, Cam Arnott and Allan Fenwick. He was an instant success winning at his first start on the West Coast last year and has added another three since then.

The Estate of former Hawkes Bay committee man Laurence Redshaw look to have a potential handicapper in Artiste who won her seventh race when winning the \$50,000 rating 82 over 2200m at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. Laurence raced and bred many top horses

Former stable hand and trackwork rider Christel Jager had her greatest thrill in racing when two horses she has a share in finished first and fourth in the \$1 million Karaka Million 2yo race at Ellerslie. Christel worked for Marlene Todd the trainer of the champion Kirrama for four years and was a regular trackwork rider.

Former Magpie halfback Neal Murphy had

to be patient to see his Coats Choice mare Gloss return to winning form when winning the \$22,500 rating 65 1600m at Wingatui on 1 February. It was her fourth win but her first success since winning on the same track on 22 March 2018.

Hastings Trainer Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal unfortunately had the bad luck to lose their promising jumper Look Out after breaking a leg in his paddock. The winner of six races he won his only start over hurdles in September and a bright future had been predicted for him.

The Kevin Wood Memorial Trophy for November/December has been won by Steven Carey with Matt Cain.

The Hawkes Bay Owners and Breeders Members Day will be held on Saturday, 25 April. 🐾

MANAWATU/WELLINGTON *Allan Fenwick*

Congratulations to Gary and Janet Harris who are partners in Tiptronic, winner of this year's Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes at Te Rapa. It was the third win this season for the Graham Richardson trained gelding and his sixth win overall.

Carlingford Bay, by Atlante, backed up two minor placings to win at Otaki. Committee member Peter Tennant shares in the ownership of the filly, which is trained by Mark Oulaghan.

Our sponsors Kamada Park had their colours to the fore with Home by Midnight winning the recent Group 3 Launceston Cup over 2400 metres. The seven-year-old gelding, who raced in New Zealand as Five to Midnight from the Lisa Latta stable, has now won 10 races and around \$900k in stakes. He is currently being trained by Patrick Payne

Kevin Gray has his stable firing at the moment with doubles in February at the two twilight meetings at Awapuni and the Otaki Group One day. He has also taken great satisfaction out of the achievement of his riders.

Current apprentice Temyia Tairaoa has ridden 14 winners this season and 17 wins in total. She follows a long line of top jockeys who have learned their trade in the Gray stable. Holly Andrew completed her apprenticeship with close to 100 wins earlier this season while other successful apprentices from the stable include Lisa Allpress, Hayden Tinsley, Kim Clapperton, Bruce Herd, Eddie Lamb and Damon Smith to name a few.

Ryan Bishop after a spell away from racing has recently started riding work for Kevin and has been rewarded with 2 wins, both on promising gallopers, Jackaroo at Otaki and a very smart type, Tavira, at Awapuni.

What a talent Lisa Allpress is and what an achievement being the first female jockey to win a race in Saudi Arabia. She was in the Arab nation competing in the inaugural Kingdom Day Jockey Challenge against seven male and seven female riders from around the world. The riders included some of the best of all time. The most successful Breeders Cup rider and American Hall of Famer Mike Smith, British world class jockeys Frankie Dettori and Ryan Moore, Japan's Yutaka Take and Nanoko Fujita and from France Mickaïlle Michel and Olivier Peslier. Lisa was the overall runner up to American Mike Smith.

Being the ultimate professional, within a couple of days of being on the world stage Lisa was back riding at the Foxton trials!!

This year's Karaka Millions was a night to remember for local breeder, Fairdale's Duncan Fell. He bred and sold 2 of the 13 runners in the Karaka Million 2-year-old race including winner Cool Aza Beel and was the breeder and vendor of Hasstobegood who ran third in the Karaka Million 3-year-old Classic. Bearing in mind the small drafts that the Stud has had at recent yearling sales this was an outstanding result.

Sweepstake won a R82 race at Otaki for Christopher Grace and Pee Gee Bloodstock and Mark & Fay Fearon along with John Roache share in the ownership of Satin Belt, a recent winner at Otaki.

RACING INDUSTRY BILL

Like so many others involved in racing, members of the Committee have been holding out for the changes necessary to improve the profitability of the industry which in turn leads to higher stakes. The Minister for Racing delivered on his pre-election promise to bring change and in an inspired choice requested Australian John Messara to conduct a review of Thoroughbred Racing. Mr Messara has an international reputation as an outstanding racing administrator and has led significant changes in New South Wales and Australian racing.

The Messara Report delivered in July, 2018, containing 17 recommendations was well received and with minor tweaks was expected to be implemented. The Minister and the Government followed through endorsing the Messara Report and introducing 2 Bills into Parliament. The first Bill, passed in 2019, set up the Racing Industry Transition Agency (RITA) "to enable urgent changes to drive the racing industry toward a financially sustainable future and also the ongoing operation of the TAB"

The second Bill currently being considered by a Select Committee is intended to finalise the post transition governance structure of racing. Unfortunately, as pointed out by many submitters it is far from the intent of the Messara Report.

The Association and individual Committee members have spent considerable time making written and oral submissions and personal representations on the Racing Industry Bill supporting the submissions of the Federation and the code.

Hopefully the Select Committee will make the necessary changes as in its present form the Bill will not result in the stepped changes the Messara Report recommended.

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Peter Faulkner

Welcome from the mainland where we have had a busy Christmas - New Year circuit, and are now moving into the autumn period.

It's fresh in the mind that we saw the 'Tangerine Army' fly the flag across the Tasman. Te Akau Shark and Probabeel's group 1 wins from improbable positions in the running were sensational, and great for NZ racing and breeding future.

Moving along to domestic winners, husband and wife team of Alan and Marie Tyler are enjoying racing very much at present. Two years ago they bought at Karaka a couple of yearlings.

One was a Per Incanto colt that looked athletic and from the tough Georgetti breed. He was broken in by Mark Lupton, then joined Alan's brother's stable at Riverton. Kelvin found the colt to be very willing with a beautiful nature. The horse is Lightning Jack and his last two starts have been the Gore Guineas and the Southland Guineas. Settling well back and coming with well timed runs to get up in the shadows of the post bringing much joy to the Tylers.

These two wins, making it three in a row, have taken his earnings to over \$90000 in just eight starts.

The other yearling they bought was a Proisir filly who they called Feel The Rush who has won three from eleven and is heading to the New Zealand Oaks at Trentham on the 14th of March.

So some pretty good talent spotting, some great training from brother Kelvin and niece Aimee, has Alan and Marie excited by the prospects of their two 3yo's who have a very bright future.

All the best! Pete

KAMADA PARK 2019/2020 POINTS SERIES LEADER BOARD AS AT 29 JANUARY, 2020

Wins in the Reefton Cup and the Miss Scenicland Stakes has extended Torre del Greco's lead in this year's competition, with Wekaforce with wins at Timaru and Riccarton since Christmas, being the big mover.

Leader	Torre Del Greco nominated by Allan Fenwick	38 points
Second	Wekaforce nominated by John Macmillan.....	28 points
Third.....	Guillada nominated by Ian McSweeney.....	25 points
Fourth.....	Hartley nominated by Erin Connors.....	23.5 points
Fifth.....	Trifolium nominated by Mark & Faye Fearon	19 points

REMINDER

Remember it is not too late to enter your horse in the 2019/2020 competition,

although points only accrue from the date of receipt of your entry. If you have already nominated one or two runners, you may also make further entries up to a total of three horses.

Entry is free.





“GO RACING”

12th & 13th JANUARY 2020 TOUR

Words by Virginia Healey

Virginia, a Go Racing syndicate member, felt privileged to be invited on this special annual two-day tour hosted by Go Racing.

Our tour began on a beautiful Sunday morning at the New Zealand Bloodstock's Karaka Sales Centre where we were met by Albert Bosma, his wife Melissa and Racing Manager Matt Allnutt, along with trainers Stephen Marsh, Stephen McKee, Lisa Latta and Andrew Carston.

Our first call was to Westbury Stud, Karaka. Albert made introductions, including Go Racing's new recruit, Napier-based Sean O'Connor. Light refreshments were provided while Dylan Johnson, Head of Business Development at Westbury, gave a short summary of the Stallions standing. We viewed Tarzino and Telperion.

Next, we were shown about 17 yearlings to be sold at the January Sales. Albert gave us useful information about the Karaka 2020 catalogue (valuable for those new to racing) and Stephen Marsh described points to look for when buying a young horse. A filly was paraded so we could visualise what buyers are looking for, e.g. sound horses that are able to stand up to racing. Albert likes horses with good nostrils, and prefers fillies that are not too big, as this can cause problems.

Go Racing are generally looking at horses that can compete in Australia, at 1600 metres plus, which has been very successful for them. The Australian sprinters are very hard to compete against, although there is always the exception, e.g. Bostonian, owned by Archer Equine.

On to Haunui Farm, owned by the Chitty family. Shannon Taylor, the Sales and Marketing Manager, greeted us. The stallions had returned to Europe but we were able to see 14 yearlings; we felt fortunate to see the half-brother to Melody Belle, by Tavistock.

Shannon then described the preparation of the yearlings (100 days), with this year's crop being all quite forward helped by good weather.

The yearlings are lunged and hand-walked each day and by January all the gear comes off and they learn to parade. Each horse is double-rugged at night and all follow a similar pattern: $\frac{3}{4}$ kg of feed per day and each Tuesday they are assessed and weighed. If they are too heavy, or too light, they are monitored accordingly. Each horse can be walked up to 3kms a day (40 minutes) on the walker. Fitness is important, as a yearling of interest can be brought out of the box for inspection many times.

Albert spoke about how there is less risk in sticking with tried and true stallions for example the progeny of Pins and Ifraaj that can also make good broodmares meaning they are of interest to the Studs. Often the first foals can be a bit small. An Ifraaj/Danehill cross has more chance of success.

Mark and Sarah Chitty and family were away but we were very privileged to have a delicious lunch in their beautiful family home. Their friendly black lab was extremely happy to eat the leftovers!

By afternoon, Stephen Marsh was a very happy man, having trained the first two winners on

the ARC programme. Driving from Karaka to the Waikato, our South Island visitors commented on the very dry conditions. We arrived at our Matamata Motel, offloaded our bags and then headed to the famous Waikato Stud to be welcomed by co-owner Mark Chittick. Jaimee Gowler and her team handle the foals/yearlings and kindness is always shown.

Mark gave an informative talk on the running of the Stud. They start with 150 horses; 30 are weanlings to be sold and 80 go on to the Yearling Sales. Each horse is X-rayed, scoped and shod; some are then withdrawn for various reasons.

Preparations begin in early November with the yearlings put into paddocks in the afternoon to enjoy the natural environment. Mark prefers to use straw in their boxes rather than sawdust; he says they sleep better. He also likes to put a young mare to a proven sire so it can be given every opportunity, pointing out that the ratio for a Savabeel/O'Reilly cross is 25% stakes winners to starters, a remarkable statistic.

Next up was a bit of fun – Albert ran a quiz on what we had learned; Each winner received a well-earned goodie bag.

Finally, we were shown the stallions where Mike Rennie, Waikato Stud's Business Manager, gave us lots of information and advised that none are shuttle stallions. First was Ardrossan, who when trained by Stephen Marsh, showed huge ability as a young racehorse; sadly, his

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career was cut short by injury. Next was Ocean Park, who is having a wonderful season; now seventh on the Australian General Sires List, a huge achievement.

Champion sire Savabeel was paraded and we had a rare opportunity for a photoshoot. I was thrilled to take up the offer and apart from Savabeel trying his best to take a piece out of my arm – I was far too quick! – it was one of the highlights of my day.

We drove across Tower Road to Game Gully for a claybird-shooting competition, with drinks and nibbles. Sorted into teams and those who were keen were also given a tour of the farm. An instructor taught us to shoot and was kept busy for at least three hours while we tried our best. Mark's wife Pippa and their son Charlie arrived, as did 16-year-old George. Prizes were handed out by Go Racing and Waikato Stud.

Our dinner – prepared by Waikato Stud's private chef, Steve Carson, and his very able staff who had, only a few hours earlier, paraded the yearlings for us – couldn't be faulted. A full and fabulous day was had by all.

Up bright and early for a 7:30am departure to Cambridge, with a running commentary from trainer/driver Stephen on where each trainer had their establishment. He pointed out Westbury Stud's two Waikato properties which hold Gerry Harvey's broodmare band, along with a foaling unit.

Buffet breakfast in the heart of Cambridge, then it was off to the equine swimming pool across from the Cambridge track. Two of Stephen's horses swam. Handlers control the horses with a pole attached to the halter.

At Marsh's stables we gathered in the feed room and were given a rundown on the feeding programmes. We were then shown some of Go Racing's horses, one of which was put on the treadmill, a useful machine for horses who have sore or bruised soles. It means you can push on with these horses as it saves their legs. Horses can do a full gallop on the treadmill; we were shown a 3% lift, but it can be tilted up to 6%. Next, was the speed-controlled walking machine. Marsh's stables use a rubber floor, and horses are worked daily. Andrew Carston decided to try the walker himself, and of course Stephen turned up the speed!

News of the new all-weather track at the Cambridge training facility, the largest in the country, has been greeted with excitement; \$7 million has been granted from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund. Marsh stated this is a massive advantage to Cambridge trainers and the industry will lose fewer race days. Presently the course proper has restricted use for Group 1, 2 and 3 horses as well as horses entered to race in Stakes Races within the following six days. Stephen described the many different tracks; while it may not seem very busy, it in fact has up to 1,200 horses using the facility. There are also two Veterinary Clinics and the Equine Swimming Pool nearby.

We had 20 minutes to look around the stables, with staff on hand to answer any questions. Each horse had its name and breeding on the stable door.



Savabeel with Virginia Healey and Handler Simon Lawson

Onwards over the Waikato River, to Windsor Park Stud, Rodney Schick, co-owner, and Steve Till, General Manager, along with Business Manager Leigh Hawkins, greeted us. We were shown the triple Gr.1 Winner Turn Me Loose, Rageese and Vanbrugh, all of whose first progeny are foals of 2018. Across the road to the Yearling Barn where we were handed a print-out of Sales Lots we were to see paraded. The list included the colour, sex, Sire and Dam, which made it very easy for us; a nice touch. Albert again alerted us to the good points about why he selected these yearlings.

We were whisked off for a delicious lunch and drinks at The Boatshed, overlooking Lake Karapiro, a fabulous spot. Nelson Schick arrived to say hello; he lives nearby. A group photo followed, then we said goodbye to Stephen Marsh, who headed home. Andrew Carston

drove us back to NZ Bloodstock where we were met by Mitch Davis – son of Steve Davis, auctioneer and TV presenter – who gave us some statistics. For instance, two years of work and preparation goes into each yearling for five minutes in the sales ring. Mitch took us onto the hallowed ground of the sales ring. Albert mentioned that without NZ Bloodstock, this industry would be in poorer straits.

There was time for a final quiz; we were split into teams and once again tested on our knowledge. There were some questionable results, however no disputes were to be entered into and Albert the quizmaster's say was final. Needless to say, our team didn't win!

This was an exceptional two-day tour of excellent food, wine and company with much learned from our top Kiwi professionals in all aspects of the bloodstock industry.

THE OWNERS' FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owners' Federation from January to February 2020. We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

AUCKLAND

Chris Wilson Mt Eden, Auckland

BAY OF PLENTY

Frank & Christine Wade Tauranga

HAWKES BAY

Steve Carey Hastings

Roy & Colleen Skuse Gisborne

WAIKATO

Mere Balzer Hamilton

Peter Smith-Schmidt Hamilton

Kaye & David Price Matamata

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

William McKnight Lawrence

Sharon Graham Lawrence

Noell & Linda Anderson Riverton

Leanne Coombs Dunedin

WANGANUI

Paul Bardell Wanganui



STUD CHAT WITH SAM

MARCH 2020

Little Avondale Lowland Stakes day was again a huge success and we're delighted to be associated with Hawke's Bay Racing and it's certainly a fixture that continues to grow in stature. The twilight meeting is a popular one and it gave a fitting send-off to General Manager Butch Castles, who is to take charge of the Waikato Racing Club and we wish him all the very best.

The Gr.2 Lowland Stakes, the traditional lead-up to the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks, was won in blistering fashion by the high-class Jennifer Eccles. It was a cracking performance and connections will now head to the Trentham classic full of confidence. Congratulations to all concerned and, indeed, every winner on the day.

We enjoyed a bumper time at the Magic Millions Yearling Sale selling under the Sledmere banner.

Our top lot, the Savabeel colt, out of the stakes wining Pins mare Shandream was knocked down to Team Hawkes for Aus\$370,000.

Leading Caulfield trainer Mick Price took a real shine to our son of Brazen Beau and parted with AUS\$220,000 to take him home. The colt is out of the Redoute's Choice mare Fortune's Choice.

Lastly, Sydney trainer David Payne was impressed with the Belardo youngster and snapped him up for AUS\$95,000. He is out of the winning More Than Ready mare Anaween.

We've got five well-credentialed youngsters to sell at the Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale with Lot 244 a filly by Capitalist from the black type winner Tie Me Down and followed by Lot 254 a Savabeel filly from Tsuioka, a half-sister to the Gr.1 Hong Kong Mile winner Glorious Days.

Lot 288 is a daughter of Capitalist from the Flying Spur mare Without Exception and an international Group One family while Lot 463 is a Tavistock filly from the Gr.3 Adrian Knox Stakes winner Full Of Spirit and the family of the two-time New Zealand Horse of the Year Bonneval.

Our last offering will be Lot 466, a daughter of I Am Invincible and a half-sister to the Group winning brothers Savvy Nature and Addictive Nature.

Per Incanto continues to make his mark up to the highest level and he's produced 22 stakes performers in the last 18 months. As he's been attracting better quality books of mares in more recent times, we firmly believe the best is yet to come when the progeny of those matings hit the racetracks.

Enjoy the Time Test foal book...we certainly did, producing it.

FINAL RESULTS FOR KARAKA 2020



After an action-packed week of selling, final results have been accumulated from the 94th National Yearling Sale Series at the iconic Karaka Sales Complex.

Karaka 2020 kicked off at Ellerslie with two million dollar races, in what is the culmination of breeding and raising a foal, the hard work it takes to get the horse ready for the sale ring and the training it takes to have a runner on the richest night of racing in New Zealand. In what was a historic night, Te Akau Racing saddled the winners of each feature and it was the fourth consecutive year the stable had won the two-year-old race.

Over the next six days of trading, 858 yearlings sold for a combined aggregate of \$78,458,188. The averaged reached \$91,443, the median closed at \$55,000 and the clearance rate settled at 76%.

The highlight of the week was the \$900,000 purchase by Garry Carvell Lot 155 (Pierro x Our Squeezer), a colt from the draft of Westbury Stud, the highest priced yearling ever sold by the Karaka based operation.

Buyers from all around the globe flocked to Karaka with international buyers making their presence felt.

All yearlings purchased at Karaka are eligible for the lucrative Karaka Million Series with two \$1 million races available for graduates as two and three-year-olds, plus the \$100,000 CollinsonForex Karaka Cup for the duration of their career. Nominations must be received by 5pm Tuesday 3 March 2020.



Top Lot Pierro - Our Squeezer colt



Racing Hall of Fame Chairperson Cherry Taylor with Sir Peter Vela

Hall of Fame Induction an **HONOUR** for **KARAKA PRINCIPAL**

Words – Dennis Ryan

Sir Peter Vela is set to be inducted into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame. Amid all the action at the National Yearling Sale, there was no more popular news than the pending Racing Hall of Fame induction of New Zealand Bloodstock principal Sir Peter Vela.

Perhaps after nearly half a century's involvement in the thoroughbred industry, it may come as a surprise that Sir Peter is not already a member of this country's elite racing body, but that was far from his own mind when he discussed his induction with Raceform.

"Becoming a member of the Hall of Fame isn't something you expect, but with the decision having been made it's an honour and I'm humbled to be joining a list of great horses and people," Sir Peter said.

Amongst those he refers to already in our pantheon of stars is Ethereal, the mighty stayer bred by the Vela brothers at Pencarrow Stud from their Hong Kong Cup winner Romanee Conti. Her 2001 Caulfield-Melbourne Cup double in the midst of four Australian Group One wins guaranteed her place in the Hall of Fame.

"I've been involved since the early 1970s as an owner and over the years I've made my contribution in various ways. The decision I made with my late brother Philip to buy Wrightson Bloodstock and establish New Zealand Bloodstock in the late 1990s, serving on the board of the TAB some years ago and now to be on the RITA board – that's all been part of it."

Sir Peter acknowledges that the purchase of Wrightson Bloodstock in a deal that included the superb Karaka sales complex had its challenges, however the evolution of New Zealand Bloodstock has been a source of immense satisfaction.

"It wasn't as if we were diving into a highly profitable business, but we turned it around and made it a decent business. It's been all about developing relationships, both in New Zealand and internationally, built over an enormous period of time.

"Now when you see so many big players in the bloodstock world come here each year to compete for our horses – that's something we can be proud of. I also have to compliment our own breeders for the faith they've put in the industry.

"This year's sale for instance, to see so many fantastic young sires with progeny in the catalogue – that says so much for the strength and the future of our breeding industry."

Innovation has been very much part of the NZB brand led by Sir Peter, with no better example than the Karaka Million race meeting. "It was a battle to get that established on a weekend that had not worked in any format before. But it was all about getting on board with the Auckland Racing Club and just as importantly gaining the co-operation of the Wellington Racing Club in what had been a traditional space for them.

"You'd have to say that what we have now with the Karaka Million concept ahead of the National Sale is a brilliant formula."

Challenges remain in Sir Peter's busy life, most of all his current role on the RITA Board during a crucial period of industry change. "Our industry has difficulties that were never going to be solved in the space of a few weeks, but it's important that we have the conversation, that people become more aware of the issues.

"If that happens, then I'm sure we can get to where we as an industry need to be."

CHERRY TAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON NEW ZEALAND RACING HALL OF FAME



We sat down at the kitchen table in the big old farmhouse at Trelawney Stud, Cherry, the "Evalovin" and me. A large Labrador called Charlie Brown joined us and was a temporary distraction.

We had come to talk about the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame and the Induction Dinner coming up in May. It is a biannual event and this year will be its eighth edition that will see a celebration of the remarkable achievements of a person, or a horse in Thoroughbred Racing. It is history in the making.

Cherry Taylor lives that history, she is part of it. She awakens in the morning in the house built for Seton Otway, a 2016 Inductee and his family. Up the drive are the stables that were once clad in corrugated iron but are now weatherboard. They housed the sires of champions and notably seven Melbourne Cup winners.

Here also stood the great Khorassan, sire of the mighty Tulloch. The champion, born and bred at Trelawney Stud and a 2006 Inductee into the NZ Racing Hall of Fame.

A little further is the cemetery of the great sires – and Seton Otway. He lies between Foxbridge and Alcimedus. Here is history and Cherry Taylor feels it bone deep.

Let's go then to the history of the "Racing Hall of Fame" that Cherry has been part of for eight years.

"But what is the New Zealand Hall of Fame and where did it start? In May, 2003 Hamilton-based accountant Chris Luoni attended the annual Australian Racing Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner in Adelaide. At the SAJC Races the following day Chris relayed to Fairdale Stud's then proprietor and Racing Administrator Gerald Fell his enthusiastic support for the previous evening's festivities and suggested that the concept was something badly missing back home.

Six weeks later, after approaching a cross section of industry participants, Chris and Gerald and seven others who answered the call, resolved to form a charitable company called New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame Ltd. Closely involved in the early days were auctioneer/television presenter Steve Davis, career industry administrators Don Hancock and Allan Fenwick, current or past racing club presidents and successful breeders Don McLaren and Marie Leicester, prominent

bloodstock consultant and racehorse owner Paul Moroney and racing journalist, Phillip Quay."

The voluntary group met several times over the next 18 months, formalising the company's charter and selection criteria, appointing a suitable selection committee and putting in place arrangements for the first induction Dinner on Derby eve 2006."

If you go to www.racinghalloffame.co.nz you will see bio's of the current directors. For brevity sake see below...

CHERRY TAYLOR - CAMBRIDGE

Cherry and her husband Brent are co-owners of Trelawney Stud near Cambridge, Trelawney

GERALD FELL MNZM - TAUPO

Gerald retired as the inaugural Chairman of the Board in October 2012. The Fell family own Fairdale Stud

CHRIS LUONI - HAMILTON

Chris, an independent company director and business owner was appointed Chairman in 2012 and retired in 2019

RUSSELL WARWICK - KARAKA

Russell is the studmaster at Westbury Stud and former Chairman of the Auckland Racing Club

STEVE DAVIS - CAMBRIDGE

Steve is an internationally acclaimed bloodstock auctioneer

PAUL MORONEY - MELBOURNE

Paul is an international bloodstock consultant

ALLAN FENWICK ONZM - MARTON

Allan is a former Chief Executive of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

CHRIS DOAK - HAMILTON

Chris established Canterbury Park Farm – a Cambridge based boutique horse farm

MARK CHITTY - KARAKA

Mark is a qualified veterinarian and is the owner of the internationally respected stud Haunui Farm

DEBRA GATES - MATAMATA

Debra is part of the well-known O'Sullivan family. Debra currently co-owns Matamata Saddlery

JUSTINE SCLATER - MATAMATA

Justine' is the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association

The very capable Executive Officer is

MICHELLE BROCK of Cambridge.

The selection of those to be inducted is made by an independent Selection Committee, with deep knowledge of the industry and at least one person with racing knowledge but not involved on a day to day basis. Cherry says that this provides a degree of impartiality.

The current policy is to announce the next group of inductees progressively over the 4 or 5 months prior to the Induction Dinner. Already it has been announced that now Sydney based jockey James McDonald, breeder, owner and principal of New Zealand Bloodstock Sir Peter Vela and 10 times Group 1 winner Mufhasa will be inducted at this year's Dinner

Once the selections are confirmed the executive seek "Sponsors" for them. This provides NZRHOF with some funds and provides the sponsors with a two year association to the inductee for marketing.

A feature of the NZRHOF are the Induction videos on each inductee which are displayed as part of the induction process at the Induction Dinner. These are prepared under contract for the NZRHOF but are partly funded by the TAB who are then able to use them on Trackside.

The Dinner is MC'd by Steve Davis and Des Coppins. It starts at 6pm where the Sponsors and Inductees and their connections gather in a separate room to meet and enjoy hospitality.

They are then brought to the gathering where the ceremonies begin and speeches are exchanged. Cherry says it is a night of great fellowship and the time passes too quickly.

Below is the advert for the upcoming Racing Hall of Fame Dinner celebration to be held on Sunday, 3 May, 2020. The evening is really something to look forward to.

In the meantime the website

www.racinghalloffame.co.nz is a great resource of stories and videos read by people of many nations and full of inspiration you can enjoy at your leisure.

From the legend of MOIFAA to great historian JOHN COSTELLO who left this world after the great gift to us of TAPESTRY OF TURF, there are many stories. History of a great past! Long may it continue.

Neil Miller 🐾

The eighth induction dinner for the *New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame* is to be held at SkyCity Hamilton on Sunday, 3rd May 2020.

Nine new inductees will be celebrated on the night, including our already announced new inductees James McDonald, Sir Peter Vela and Mufhasa.

TICKETS:
\$185.00 per ticket
\$1850.00 table of ten

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS GO TO:
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Stephen Lindsay

MY EARLIEST MEMORY IN LIFE WAS RETURNING FROM THE MATAMATA RACES WITH MY PARENTS AND THE HORSE NIBLICK HAD LET HIMSELF OUT OF HIS BOX. THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO BECAUSE NIBLICK HAD WON THE 1952 AVONDALE GOLD CUP.

For some time, I have been very concerned at the worrying administrative skills exhibited by the New Zealand Racing Board, or whatever they call themselves this week.

So, I have not had a share in a thoroughbred for several years. I have had shares in two standardbreds but when the second of them showed that his time would be better spent out the back end of Te Anau, herding beef cattle, rather than running around Southland racetracks, I was receptive to a chat with Andrew Scott at Matamata's 18th December race meeting

"Have I got a horse for you! \$35,000 at the Ready to Run sale and she can gallop." Further research revealed that she was sired by the Dewar Stallion Award leader.

As a retired chartered accountant, I worked out that \$35,000 for a broken in two-year-old in November works out like about \$25,000 for a yearling at Karaka. \$25,000 for a lovely horse sired by Ocean Park looked really good. And she was out of an O'Reilly mare and they

produce good stock. Well, that's what a bloke named Garry, whom I have played golf with, told me. And Garry's boy Mark agrees with him.

"You can have five per cent, that's all that is left," said Andrew. "You're on!" I replied.

But then I recalled that another mate (Darrell) had recently bought into a tractor business in Matamata and I told him that you cannot be in business in Matamata unless you have a share in a horse in training there. Darrell's about 6 foot 3 inches and everyone knows him as "Big Dee"

"Big Dee, will you take half my 5% share?" He said, "Let me think about that"

Ten minutes later Big Dee texts; "Where do I send the money and how much?"

What impressed me was the speed of the transaction by emails, internet banking, text messages, scanning documents and co-operative staff at N.Z. Thoroughbred Racing. All this had to be done over Christmas as the filly's syndicate needed to be finalised and the filly named so that she could be nominated for a race on 7th January at Matamata.

But I had already booked a South Island trip to see what might be the final day's racing at Reefton, on 8th January. So, I would miss the filly's first start, even though my involvement with the Matamata Racing Club goes way back.

The South Island trip went well. We visited one of New Zealand's hidden gems, namely Takaka. Then onto brunch at Murchison, then onto Inangahua to see the filly's race at the pub on TV.

There is no pub in Inangahua. But changed circumstances in the licensed victualling industry means there's no pub at Murchison either, so dash to Hotel Reefton to see the race there. A great run and her stake for second was \$2000. Now she will be a contender for the Matamata Breeders' Stakes!

Big Dee says this racing game is easier than he thought. The filly's second on 7th January was a lift for his wife and him, as it was the fifth anniversary of the tragic drowning of their daughter Amie at Whangamata. Amie had been a classmate of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan's daughter, Georgia.

NAMES NAMES NAMES

Neil Miller

I have been known to opine that there is no end to the dopey names some people call their horses or children. That may seem a bit strong but when you are trying to produce an accurate Bulletin far too much time is spent fact checking names.

Every now and again a wiseass will provide a gobbledegook name to trip up an announcer, it seems.

Then there are attempts at humour like Batterynotincluded. Lacking essential motive power this poor buggler was not a goer.

Then there is sentiment of people remembered. Those are fine if spelt correctly.

Some people want to cobble part of the sire and dams name together, which I think lacks imagination.

There is the seven letter superstition that comes from Phar Lap. I don't mind that as over time there have been great examples. Carbine, Sunline (Desert Sun – Songline, cobble).

Mufhasa had the H inserted to get to 7 letters.

Names can come from a significant occasion. But let me digress here

Back in 2006 I bought a share of the filly, Van Nistelrooy – Nothing Less, purchased at the Karaka Sales by Trevor McKee. Cherry Taylor the breeder and a great judge of a horse loved the filly was the under bidder. Paul Dallimore of Christchurch made up the group of four.

TJ said to me, "This is your first horse, you name her."

The dam line went back from Nothing Less to the great mare Limitless and before her Coverless, that probably preferred to be nude.

I went looking for a positive 'less' and came up with Boundless but there had been a good gelding in the south (by Targui) years back of that name. Hmm!

So, then I went looking at Limitless aware that an association with her may assist recognition and thus residual value.

Illimitato was that in Italian and Illimite in French so that was my first two picks and Boundless was the third.

The name that came from NZTR was Boundless and I said to TJ, "What happened to my picks?" He said "Illimitato sounded like potato, or tomato." End of conversation right there!

Boundless had a stellar, yet somewhat unlucky career. When it finished TJ said she should go to Sydney to the Inglis Sale. TJ, Cherry and Brent Taylor and I went over and watched the sale play out Boundless was bought by Trelawney Stud (the Taylors) for A\$700,000. A glum Brent said to Cherry, "That's the most I have ever paid for a horse. I suppose it is cheaper than divorce."

Boundless has produced good offspring of varying fortune and you feel a really top horse is imminent. There was a succession of colts and at last a long yearned for filly foal. Here are the details –

Cheaperthanadivorce (NZ) 2017 2YO b f

Trainer: Roger James & Robert Wellwood

Sire: SAVABEEL (AUS) 2001

Dam: BOUNDLESS (NZ) 2004

That makes good sense to me as the name association will live on in racing lore.

A final plea from us. Please make those names logical and searchable.

FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES

Words by Sally Blyth

An introduction to Auckland Association members Barry and Brenda Gerard

Barry originally hails from Falkirk, Scotland and Brenda from Cobourg, on the shores of Lake Ontario, east of Toronto. From opposite sides of the globe, they may not have been born here, but they're New Zealanders through and through. They met in London through the Royal London Hospital Whitechapel. Brenda, a Registered Nurse, was doing a postgrad Intensive Care Nursing course and Barry knew another nurse (Anne) who was also doing the course. On account of Anne knowing that Barry was about to move to Toronto to join the Metro Toronto Police, she set them up on a blind date. That was in autumn 1975.

Barry duly moved to Toronto and joined the Police in December that year while Brenda remained in London to complete her ICU Course. She had trained in Ontario and Barry had served in the Hong Kong police force in the early 1970s and was also a licensed electrician, having completed his apprenticeship in the coal mines of Fallin, near Stirling, Scotland.

When Brenda completed her course, Canada – and Barry – beckoned. They moved in together, got married and made Toronto their home. That was 43 years ago. Barry went on to become a Sergeant in the Mounted Unit of the Metro Toronto Police Force – and a fine one too, as the photo showcases. Horse connection #1.

Self-confessed "winter escapees", they yearned for sunnier climes and one day, back in 1990, Barry arrived home and announced, "Let's move to New Zealand!" Brenda wasn't averse to the idea, so they came for a look-see and liked what they saw. As a policeman, Barry earned no immigration points in those days (seriously?) but, as a nurse, Brenda did (good job!) So, on account of her professional points, the family were able to make the big move to NZ and they arrived in Auckland in 1994.

They settled in Meadowbank where they got immersed in pony club with youngest daughter Trish. Horse connection #2. Alas, oldest daughter Rebecca is allergic to horses. Owning horses in Canada was prohibitively expensive so being involved in pony club here provided a heap of accessible and affordable family fun which they loved. The novelty eventually wore off when the girls discovered boys and surfing and other endeavours. However, Brenda's love of horses was ingrained by now and she wasn't about to let go of this passion.

When the family moved to Takanini, Brenda bought some carriage-driving ponies and attended shows around the area. Horse connection #3. She won a Silver Medal in Dressage at the 2006 Masters Games in Otorohanga – she downplays this, but it's a wonderful accomplishment.

When her carriage-driving days came to an end, Brenda was keen to branch out into racing for the next horse-fix. Horse connection #4. They took a share in a Fortuna horse that was unsuccessful, and then bought into the Go Racing syndicate for Hasahalo.

After winning the Group 3 Eclipse Stakes as a 2yo and running 2nd in the Karaka Million, Hasahalo won the Group 1, One Thousand Guineas as a 3yo. She is being sold on Gavelhouse in March, with much anticipation as to what price she will bring.'

Brenda and Barry bought into more Go Racing syndicates and have four horses with them at present. In total, they have nine horses on the go right now, including a 2YO currently being named, two more purchased at this year's sales with Jenna Mahoney and Michaela Murray, and Brenda also has a share in a Social Racing Syndicate. Even though all these horses are not racing at the moment, that's a hefty portfolio to keep track of!

The current standout is Quick Preview. A 4YO chestnut gelding by Foxwedge out of Apercu, he's won twice and has several placings to his credit from 14 starts. Frustratingly, his win on 15th February 2020 happened while Barry and Brenda were about to board a plane at Melbourne Airport. With no Wi-Fi and unable to put a bet on, they experienced the ultimate owner's bad timing horror – a win you not only can't be on course for but can't even watch. It was a nice ride and strong win that survived a protest. More wins to come, we hope, for Barry and Brenda and all the owners.

Alongside all this racing passion, Barry and Brenda have just sold their family property and will be moving to KLE (Karakas Lifestyle Estate) in June. In the next street, and just over the back paddock from where they are now, they are excited about the move. Barry has been suffering ill health but, despite setbacks, he and Brenda get on course to watch their horses when they can. They also support the Auckland Branch by attending AGMs and offering their cheerful friendship. Brenda came on the Racing in the South Pacific Tour to New Caledonia in October 2019 where horse talk and laughter reigned!

As an added serendipitous connection, their daughter Trish worked as a Vet Nurse for Auckland Branch President Mike Gething – a link which ultimately led to Barry and Brenda joining the NZTROF.

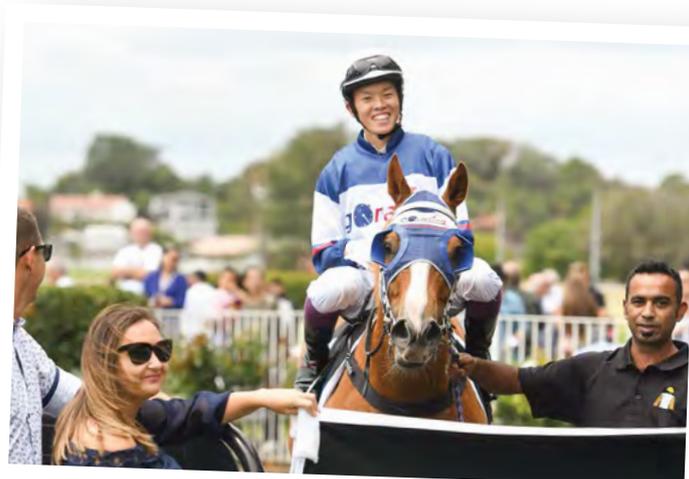
We love these connections and wish Barry and Brenda the best of luck with their horses and their big move! 🐾



Barry on horseback



Brenda carriage-driving



Quick Preview and Taiki Yanagida with a winning smile

What a Party! Boys Get Paid show how to celebrate at the Karaka Million twilight meeting



A WEEK LIKE NO OTHER. BOYS GET PAID. KARAKA MILLION NIGHT.

Luke Kemeys

“One of the things I’m most proud of is the positive coverage we helped generate on racing and the whole industry.”

And just like that, it’s all over. Months of build-up and planning to pull off the night of the year and it explodes past us faster than Probabeel.

How brilliant was she with \$93,672 plonked on her! The scenes on the Ellerslie racecourse were something that I think won’t leave people’s minds for a long time.

After a horribly unlucky start to the punters’ club on runner-up Intrigue in race one, it was good to bounce back and finish the night up by 45 per cent – that’s \$365,000 for a total outlay of \$250,000. It wasn’t an easy night’s punting and some of the odds made it tough to figure out how to attack the races.

To be fair I don’t think people cared what the return was – they were just happy to be involved, so to have Probabeel seal a collect was just magic

One of the things I’m most proud of is the positive coverage we helped generate on racing and the whole industry. Even if it was just for one weekend, at least we changed the tune of the typical story that we often hear.

TV, radio, socials, newspaper, plus a magazine feature to come.

Some people said it felt like BGP was everywhere they looked over the weekend and I think you couldn’t help but buy into the infectious nature of everything we were doing. The praise has come from near and a far and to gain the respect of some of those within the industry who we heavily respect, is very rewarding.

A huge thank you to everyone that came out to our BGP event and joined the punters’ club. We ended up with 435 on-course and more than 1,300 in the punters’ club. A few years ago, it was just five mates getting into a taxi to go to Ellerslie. This year it felt like we were running an army!

We are going to have to put some time into thinking about how we raise the bar in 2021. I’m not entirely sure how just yet, but I guarantee we will.

It’s going to be a seriously big week of admin getting the punters’ club investors paid out, but it’s all part of it – finding solutions to problems we never knew existed.

The past week hasn’t only been about our big night out at Ellerslie. Something completely new to BGP was being co-owners of Savage, our LA Stud yearling colt by Savabeel to go through the Karaka ring on Tuesday 28 January. This was something none of us had ever experienced, so you can imagine the excitement in the build-up to sale day and our boy’s time in the ring itself – a whole different level to any raceday bet.

What a result! To see the two big syndicators Go Racing and Te Akau head-to-head in the bidding and end up with Savage being knocked down to Go Racing’s Albert Bosma for \$270,000 – the whole experience was something I find difficult to put into words.

I hope you’ve all enjoyed everything that we put together for the Karaka Million – believe me it has been a lot of fun. You have to think that this raceday will keep going from strength to strength.

In the coming weeks there will be plenty more for us to dissect, but for now thank you for the support.

FILLY-ANTHROPHY THE OUTCOME

Day two at the 2020 NZ Bloodstock sales at Karaka will hold a special place in CatWalk history. It was the culmination of a story that began back in 2018 when a Brazen Beau stallion service donated by Darley was auctioned at our Remarkable charity dinner. The successful bidders were Kevin and Joanna Hickman of Valachi Downs Stud who chose to put the mare Stepanova to the stallion.

The generosity did not stop there with Kevin and Joanna deciding to put the resulting filly through the 2020 Karaka sales with all proceeds coming to CatWalk for spinal cord injury research. What happened over the next few months continued to delight and amaze us as equine industry specialists joined the cause by covering her costs such as feeding, vet work, farrier, bodywork and supplementation. NZB waived all entrance fees and commission at the sales and Love Racing have waived all fees for her New Zealand racing career.

The filly was beautifully prepared by the team at Valachi Downs and entered the ring on Monday at 1.30 pm with a large crowd of supporters in the audience. Bidding was strong with the hammer falling at a phenomenal figure of \$200,000 to the buyers Brendan and Jo Lindsay of Cambridge Stud with strong CatWalk supporters, Tony Rider and Guy Lowry, as the underbidders.

There were emotional scenes as the crowd clapped and the filly was led from the ring to start the next chapter of her life at Cambridge Stud under the guidance of Henry Plumptre and his team.

We will be continuing to follow her progress as she grows and we look forward to seeing her lining up on the track in the future.

This is a story of overwhelming generosity and in the belief that funding the crucial research will lead to a cure for spinal cord injury – our sincerest thanks to everyone involved.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

We continue to track winning horses owned by Owner's Federation members. As we only have visibility of owner's named in the race book, we know we will have missed members involved in winning syndicates and may have inadvertently missed others. We apologise to any member we have missed and extend our congratulations to all members who have recently experienced the thrill of winning.

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