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# BREEDERS' WEEKLY

This week we caught up with Jill Stockman of Stonewall Stud to bring you another edition of Breeder Profiles

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Bet Out Of El

## LIKE A 'BET OUT OF EL'

Living in the trotting wilderness hasn't stopped Reporoa's Dan Magill from winning harness races.

In fact Magill and his Taupo brick-laying mate Trevor Hansen nailed yet another winner from their Village Jasper broodmare Elle Mary Rose at Cambridge Raceway last Thursday night.

This time it was her fifth foal (of six) – Bet Out Of El that got the chocolates after Zac Butcher steered the Arna Donnelly trained 3-year-old colt to win his first race in two starts following Thursday's sixth event.

"The mare has left a winner from every foal and even though his older sister Annie Morva is so far one of the best horses I have bred and owned, this fella could surpass her," 70-year-old Magill said.

Annie Morva, who is a 6-year-old Mach Three mare, won 11 of her 75 starts (\$146,823) in New Zealand and Australia. She last raced at Penrith in December and finished third.

"She was and still is a lovely mare. She was trained by Jeff Crouth at Pukekohe and finished second behind Adore Me in the 2012 Ladyship Stakes.

"However there is just something about Bet Out Of El we really like. Arna has

done a splendid job with him, but sadly he is under offer and could be sold after just a first and a second from his two starts," Magill said.

Elle Mary Rose won two of her 15 starts and placed seven times for Todd Mitchell.

"She won a Breeders Crown heat and then not long after she choked down, and when she suffered from continued wind problems we decided to put her in foal," Magill said.

The mare's first baby El Susie (by Elsu) won a race here and two more in Australia; foal two – The Waitapu Wonder (by Red River Hanover) won five races here and one in Australia; foal three was Annie Morva; foal four – Elliesjet (a 5yo Jereme's Jet mare) won two of her 10 starts for Gareth Dixon.

"We also raced Elliesjet in Australia last year where she won three races for Blake Fitzpatrick. She has since gone on to the USA where she has won them in a row," said Magill.

Next came Bet Out Of El. Elle Mary Rose also has a Sportswriter yearling filly and has a Rock N Roll Heaven filly at foot.

**"THE SPORTSWRITER FILLY IS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL AND**

**WON'T BE PRESENTED AT THE SALES. WE HAVE JUST PUT THE MARE TO SOME BEACHSOMEWHERE AND HER 42-DAY RESULT HAS RETURNED A POSITIVE," MAGILL SAID.**

Magill has been involved in harness racing since joining forces with Curtin Farms in the late 1980s.

"We got burnt when the share market crash hit and I lost a lot, but John Curtin and his business didn't put me off harness racing. In fact I wish I got into it a lot earlier," the Bay Of Plenty farmer said.

Magill rears 700 Friesian bull calves from his Reporoa farm. He said he was having his best season in 20 years, which allowed him to dig further into his harness racing passion.

"I've always loved breeding standard-breds. I've bred some nice ones over the years. We have produced some greats in this town.

"Future All Black captain Sam Cane is the first that comes to mind," Magill joked.

**Duane Ranger**



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## BREEDER'S PROFILE



JILL STOCKMAN

### JILL STOCKMAN

**Jill Stockman of Stonewall Stud has been breeding horses since the early eighties and has enjoyed some terrific success over the years. Horses such as Dancingtonmoonlight and Cruzee Lass spring to mind, with more recent successes in Bettor B Amazed and Ashton K flying the Stonewall Stud flag on the track. Along with their (Jill and Steve) successful syndicates, the training partnership of Steve Telfer & Chris Garlick are flying also as they currently sit inside the top 10 on the trainer's premiership. Now the stable and stud have a potential top 2 year old in the wings in Sports-writer colt The Lone Ranger which should add to the excitement in the coming months. We caught up with Jill to bring you another instalment of Breeder Profiles.**

### WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN HARNESS RACING?

Back in the early eighties I went to the same church as Derek and Alison Heckler. Derek was the Trainer of open

class and free legged pacer Final Decision. They found out that I loved horses and said I could go out and help on the farm at Rotokauri. And so my love of the standardbred began. Derek aside from the training also had a small Stud farm standing Pocomoonshine. Sadly both Derek and his brother Garth are no longer with us. Derek kindly gave me a foal called Morning Mist which I leased to Bryce Espin, she was a lovely mare and Bryce kindly let me go out each weekend and help with her. Bryce won a race with her which was so exciting and my first experience of the winning adrenaline rush. I was hooked! Sadly she died of colic.

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING STANDARDBREDS?

Derek let me breed a foal from Poco's Pride (a sister to Morning Mist), I sent her to Bye Bye Song and got a filly called Lights Out, also a trotter she won 3 and had 10 placings for stakes of just under \$20k. I was very proud of her. This is now the maternal family of Mum's Pride.

### FIRST HORSE YOU BRED?

Answered above.

### FIRST RACE WINNER YOU BRED?

Answered above.

### WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBREDS?

I breed standardbreds because it's such a buzz when the foal you have been involved with from the day of planning the mating, through to race day wins. Nothing beats it. I still get a thrill when the horses we have bred and sold win!

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HORSE (OR) THE BEST ONE YOU HAVE BRED (AND WHY)?

My favourite racemare was Shivna, she had a wonderful nature and was also a good racemare winning 7 races before

getting injured. Shivna succumbed to laminitis a couple of years ago but has left us a wonderful legacy with her 9 win daughter Cruzee Lass who is also doing a great job as a broodmare with the likes of Rocknroll Lass, Sweet Art and exciting 2yo colt The Lone Ranger. They all have their grandma's wonderful temperament.

Our Bettor's Delight racemare Better B Amazed (from a Christian Cullen mare) is doing a wonderful job also having won 11 races for us now, she hails from Robert Reid's family of pacers.

Our best bred horse would be Dancingtonmoonlight (Holmes Hanover - Woodpecker), who won over \$400k in stakes, 19 wins, 34 plcs. Her best victories were the NSW Oaks, Breeders Crown Final and Bathurst Gold Bracelet Final. In NZ she had two Group race placings.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE STALLION OF ALL TIME?

Christian Cullen, an outstanding individual in every way, looks, performance and a super sire

### HAVE YOU BRED ANYTHING THIS SEASON?

Yes we foaled down 12, unfortunately one came out backwards and we ended up losing him and his mum which was sad, so left us with 11 foals on the ground. We have 13 mares back in foal. Sires used Mach Three, American Ideal, Elsu, Sportswriter and A Rocknroll Dance.

### SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGE FOR BREEDERS?

In racing in NZ we try and put groups into boxes. In reality most breeders, breed to race so become owners and some even train their own and like a punt! Not all breed for the yearling sales and again it is small group of breeders that make a reasonable profit from the Sales. There needs to be a carrot for

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breeders of the mid-range to bottom end of the catalogue to not sell their horses but to try them as racehorses. Or that carrot needs to be there to get people to go to the Sales and buy them! That carrot is stake monies, and spread it around! Do we still need a Sires Stakes series?? Is it encouraging people to breed and race?? Does it need to be restructured so that the money gets spread around more?? Questions that persons more learned than me can reflect on and answer!

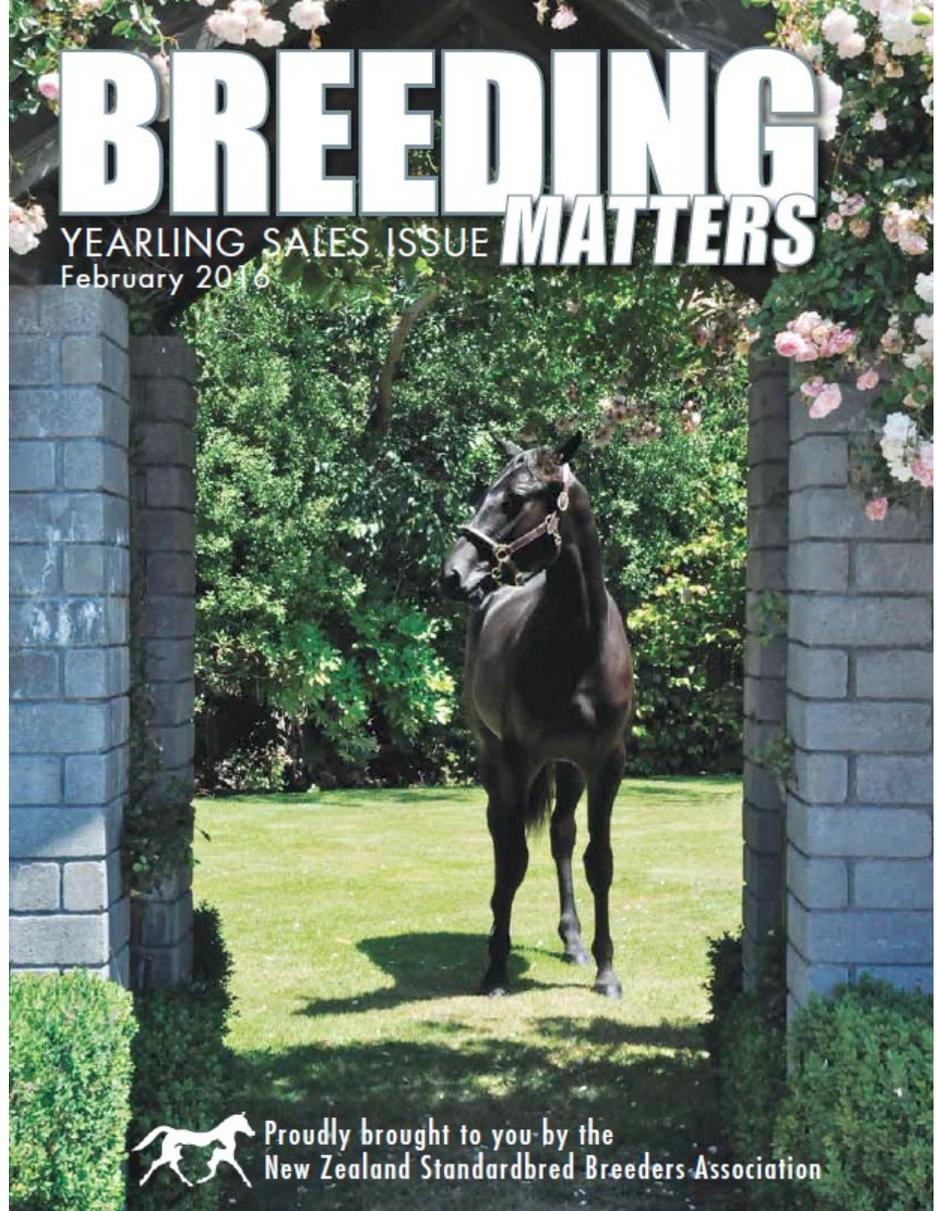
To help our racing numbers particularly in the North the stake monies need to increase not in the major races but across the board so that everybody gets a better slice of the pie, and the breeder/owner gets encouraged to put a mare back in foal. I don't think that means paying every runner a substantial amount but making the stakes at all meetings better. I know the bloodstock agents won't like this but as the Australian market is raiding our horses perhaps thought be given to an Export Levy which goes into stake money/ incentives. We need more racemeetings not less as well, more opportunity to race your horse. Interesting note for readers is that trainers in Australia generally do not get a 10% collect when a horse is sold, hence they like to keep them and race them, food for thought!

## SOUTHERN BRED SOUTHERN REARED ON A HIGH

Southern Bred Southern Reared yearlings have topped the past three Premier Sales and it's highly likely the same will happen again this month.

In 2013 and 2015 the progeny of Asabella, Titanium \$170,000 and Bollinger \$200,000 sat at the top while in 2014 Beaudiene Babe's colt Beaudiene Beaufighta was the top seller at \$140,000.

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"The results have catapulted the brand," said committee member John Stiven.

Another sale topper for the group was Tuapeka Mariner (\$250,000) in 2008.

SBSR was a concept that was initially talked about by the late Doug Stiven of Tapanui and Dave Kennedy of Bayswater and it was in 2002 that Dave Kennedy, Mark O'Connor, Debbie Smith and John Stiven formed the inaugural committee.

"The reason why we got SBSR going was to get Southerners working together to raise the profile of the product at the sales." Stiven said.

SBSR is open to all southern breeders in Otago and Southland at a cost of \$120 if the yearlings are outside of the region or \$200 for yearlings that are prepared in Southland and therefore able to be paraded on the group's annual presales bus tour.

Stiven says the bus tour for trainers and buyers is one of reasons SBSR has been successful.

**"WE GET ABOUT 22 TO 25 BUYERS EACH YEAR NOW AND IT IS VERY BENEFICIAL FOR THOSE BUYERS TO BE ABLE TO COME, AND OF ALL OUR VENDORS, KEN BARRON, GREG PAYNE AND MICHAEL HOUSE HAVE NEVER MISSED ONE."**

SBSR also promotes substantially through a variety of magazines and websites and employs local television production company CUE TV to film and market their stock.



The brand has 66 yearlings at this year's sale including a full brother to Fight For Glory, half-brothers to Smiling Shard, I'm Corzin Terror, Chase the Dream, as well as Somebeachsomewhere colts from Jewels winner Pembrook's Delight and Asabella.

"It's a terrific draft this year. Normally you get one or two standouts but this year we have up to twenty nice yearlings."

Stiven says the SBSR brand is being recognised in Australia and with I'm Themightyquinn, Beaudiene Boaz, I'm Victorious, Fight For Glory and Arden Rooney flying the flag it's only going to get stronger.

"When Our Blackbird ran in the Interdominion Final his owner referred to him as another SBSR product. We certainly punch above our weight."

Outside of the yearlings sales SBSR is also the group behind a new two year

old race - The Diamond Creek Farm Classic at Ascot Park Invercargill on Diamonds Day which is into its second edition this season. The race was won last season by star pacer Lazarus.

"Last year we ran the race for \$22,000 and this year it's been set at \$25,000 and we are working with HRNZ to get it to group status in 2017. We also have breeder and owner bonuses in place for the first SBSR purchased horse home in the race."

The group realise that to get group status, one of the key criteria is to get the number of starters up and to that end they're offering \$500 to all runners in this year's event.

The race is sponsored by American heavyweight Diamond Creek Farm.

"We asked Adam Bowden if he thought Diamond Creek Farm was a good fit for Diamonds Day and said that SBSR supported the two year old race. He was happy to make a five year commitment through services to A Rocknroll Dance and Sweet Lou with the right of renewal."

For decades Southern Bred Southern Reared horses have been proving the importance of the southern region to the Australian racing industry, and beyond.

It all started with trail blazers like Cardigan Bay, Robin Dundee, Stella Frost and Young Quinn.

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ASHABELLA COLT



# DENARIO BREEDING

Christchurch Day 1 Offerings

## LOT 187: SOME DENARIO

(Somebeachsomewhere / Dreamo Denario)  
– Powerful colt from 4-win mare whose 1/2 brother is world record holder Fake Denario [1.48.4, \$769,000]. Related to Spero Denario, Kotare Mach, Grinaldi, Slugger and Ross The Boss. Could this be the next Waikiki Beach?



## LOT 217: NOTA BENE DENARIO

(Well Said / Goodtogo Denario) – Nota Bene means “note well” and this colt is certainly worth taking note of! By a proven USA sire that NZ trainers are now starting to talk up. A strong compact yearling who gives the impression he will run early.



For Day 2

Denario breeding is also preparing:

## LOT 446: NAHOLO

(Panspacificflight / Truely Jaccka) – Offered by Stylish Breeding Partnership, this is an impressive colt who should possess the speed of his namesake. From a mare who has left 3 smart race horses from first 3 foals.



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giving you the winning edge”

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Stiven said “Southland has long been regarded as the Kentucky of New Zealand. The SBSR group has managed to work together for the betterment of the Southern region as a platform to show unity in the sale of yearlings from this special part of the world. It also shows the group is more than yearlings with the sponsorship of the Two Year Old Diamond Classic.”

The unique and successful Southern Bred Southern Reared brand continues to put Southland on the map.

**Bruce Stewart**

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# THE MIGHTY OAK HAS FALLEN

Canterbury breeder George Timperley passed away on Friday just hours before Mongolian Hero won his first race at Alexandra Park. He was 81.

His wife Sally said her husband was aware the race was on later that day but just didn't have the energy to carry on and watch the 2-year-old he bred win by half a length.

Mr Timperley, who operated Motu Lodge in Ohoka, died in Christchurch Hospital mid-morning Friday. Mongolian Hero and Tony Herlihy (MNZM) saluted the judge shortly after 8.04pm.

"He was a brave battler. We expected this but it is so sad to finally see him go. At least he isn't suffering any more. The mighty Oak has fallen," Mrs Timperley said.

Mr Timperley, his three children – David, Clarence and Jennifer are all farming in Canterbury, as are their children.

"George loved farming but I think he loved breeding horses more. He always loved the equine breed. I think he would have got into thoroughbreds originally, but they were too expensive and he settled for standardbreds.

"He adored them. He was always reading the stud book and did hours and hours of researching bloodlines," his wife of 22 years said.

Mr Timperley got into harness racing in the 1970s and the best horse he owned was one of his first standardbreds – the 1974 Armbr Del entire, Motu Prince, who won seven races and \$34,500 here before being exported to Australia in October 1987.

Motu Prince sired 20 winners but it was Mach Three who sired Mr Timperley's latest winner.

"George put Motu Living Doll to Mach Three and Mongolian Hero was the result. He loved 'Doll'. She was a

wonderful broodmare and they had mutual respect for each other," Mrs Timperley said.

Motu Living Doll, which is by Live Or Die and out of the Holmes Hanover mare Tentative. Both mares won one race apiece.

Ned Black, who has worked alongside Mr Timperley at Motu Lodge for the past 12 years, said the mare would have a full brother to Mongolian Hero presented at this year's New Zealand Premier Yearling Sale in Christchurch later this month.

"Motu Rampage is a yearling colt by Mach Three. He's a nice colt without being overly big. We have had a lot of people look at him and no one has said a bad word about him yet," Black said.

He said Motu Living Doll was back in foal to Mach Three and she also had a Bettor's Delight weanling at foot.

"She has now left six foals. The first, an Art Major 5-year-old colt (Major Callum) never raced here but has won 10 races and more than \$70,000 in Australia," Black said.

The mare's second foal – Motu Major Decision (by Art Major) died while foal three is 3-year-old Bettor's Delight filly named Motu Bettor Think Quick.

"George kept her and wanted to race and perhaps breed from her one day. She's developed a couple of splints and we will just put her aside until she comes right. We really like her a lot," Black said.

Motu Lodge will have 10 horses at this month's Yearling Sales.

Black particularly liked an Art Major – Motu Pocket of Jewels filly named Motu Crowning Glory (Lot 319), and a Christian Cullen – Silksngems filly named Motu Cullen's Gem (Lot 387).

"We discussed a lot and because of those discussions Motu Lodge has really gone ahead. We have got the results and I'm sure they can only get better.

"It's sad that George has gone. He was a very fair and honest boss," Black said.

Mr Timperley trained 25 winners and recorded 57 placings between 1984 and 2013. He netted \$163,798 in stakes and trained his last winner in 2012.

Mongolian Hero proved too smart for his fellow 2-year-olds zipping along the passing lane to beat The Lone Ranger and Scott Phelan. He was the \$4.50 fourth favourite in the five-horse field and stopped the clock in 2:03.7.

This equated to a 1:57 even mile rate for the 1700m mobile. The Young Guns Mobile heat was worth \$25,000.

Mt Timperley's funeral was held at the Lamb and Hayward Chapel on Wairakei Road in Burnside on Tuesday morning (February 16) at 11am.

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# BREEDING IS ADDICTIVE, OTTLEY ENOUGH.

Denise Ottley has joined the ranks of successful breeders.

It came at the Timaru meeting last Sunday when OK I'm Bad cleared maidens in a manner that suggested the next grade will be a low hurdle.

Ottley has earned her reputation breaking in and pre-training, and as the proud mother of her accomplished driving daughter, Sam.

She's had success as an owner and trainer, but breeding is a new branch and one she's keen to stick with.

"I'm addicted now," she said.

"In the past, I've never been able to keep a horse."

Now she can, and the 16 hand OK I'm Bad is one of four she has bred and has in work from Bye Bye Flame, an OK Bye mare with a pedigree that distinguished itself in the 1980s in particular.

Bye Bye Flame, now dead, was from Candle In the Wind from Marilyn, by Tuapeka Knight from Anna Pavlova, by El Patron from Coo Doo.

Coo Doo, a Morano mare owned by Keith and Bevan Grice, left a smart

juvenile in Barbara Del – one of the first by Armbro Del; Palestine, 18 wins for Clarrie and Terry May; Columnist, 7 wins, and Finest Hour, 5 wins, and there were others. To El Patron, Anna Pavlova left Derby, a Cup horse which won 11 for Richard Brosnan including the Hannon Memorial. Marilyn left Fiddler which won six and French Dynamite 7, and from Candle In The Wind, by Soky's Atom, came English Elegance, by Camtastic, which won 13 from 48 starts, and Thomas Pyke, by Live Or Die, which won 10 from 23.

It is a family of great depth and Ottley knows it.

**"THE BLOOD IS STILL THERE. THE FIRST FOUR FROM BYE BYE FLAME DIDN'T WIN, BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL THE REAL STORY. I HAD TWO OF THEM AND THEY COULD RUN BUT GOT HURT. IT'S A BREED THAT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF WORK," SHE SAID.**

When Ottley had the chance to take the mare from Les and Graham Stewart after caring for her, she went first to Pacific Fella to breed Atlantic which trialed at Rangiora midweek, and then to Badlands Hanover.

**Sam Ottley returns the victor aboard the Denise Ottley trained, owned and bred OK I'm Bad after winning the Changeover & Lion Beverages Pace at Timaru**

"I liked the cross and he'd done a good job."

The star of the Badlands Hanover-OK Bye cross is undoubtedly Washakie, which won 32 races and more than \$1.3 million: other good matches have been Highview Badlands, 9 wins, Mr Chrome 7 and Randalstown 8 wins respectively. Recent maiden winner Nolan Sackett is also bred this way.

Since then, she's bred a filly by Attorney General which is at the beach with Sam, and she has a 2-year-old filly by Panspacificflight which is shaping well.

And while she lost a mare and missed breeding this season, she will be back in business next season, using a return service she has to Pegasus Spur.

**Mike Grainger**



# PGGW SOUTHLAND YEARLING TOUR A ROUSING SUCCESS

The 2016 PGGW Southern Bred, Southern Reared yearling parade was held for the 14th time on the 15th and 16th of February.

Industry players come from wide and far to get a look at the Southland draft of yearlings on their home turf, something John Stiven of Arden Lodge thinks is fundamental to their success come sales day.

"Just to be able to see them in their own environment away is really important for us as a group. You get 500 yearlings there over three sales days, and they get lost in the crowd a bit. The best thing we can do as a group (Southern Bred, Southern Reared) is get you guys on the bus and looking at our stock," he said.

Of those on the bus were three men who have never missed a trip south since the inaugural tour 14 years ago, Michael House, Ken Barron and Greg Payne.

"We love the camaraderie, the format and the hospitality, but it's getting harder and harder to find a good horse with so many people coming on the tour," joked House.

"Serious vendors know what they have to do and motivation is a big part of it. If you're a breeder and you're not being active and engaged with the sales, well your horses aren't going to be there come Sires Stakes and Sales Series time. The same for trainers: if you're not there and being active prior to the sales and over the course of the three days, it's harder to get a good horse and you won't be contending in any of the cup races."



Macca Lodge

The tour had two of New Zealand's leading North Island horsemen in Ray Green and Brent Mangos, while those from the Canterbury areas included Colin De Filippi, John Dunn, Jamie Gameson, Gavin Smith and Laurence Hanrahan to name a few.

Also on the tour were leading owners in Phil Kennard, Neil Pilcher and Trevor Casey who also know what it takes to pick one out of the bunch come sales time.

While those on the tour we were welcomed at Invercargill airport by driving rain, it wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of the preparers or those in attendance.

First stop was the Invercargill property of Tom and Julie Kilkelly who had four lots, with Kirstin Barclay handling most of them. She was very complimentary of a Majestic Son filly, lot 426. She was out of a race winning mare in The Fiery Filly and her 2nd dam (Anreca Hest) left The Fiery Ginga with Kirstin making the comment that the filly is a natural and wants to trot.

The tour continued on down the road to Myross Bush and the residence of Shard Farm. Debbie and Dave Smith had their Shard stock in fine fettle, as did the other vendors in Julie McEwan and Alan Donaldson. Some lovely types there and none more so than Lot 263, an Art Major colt out of the one win mare, Lady Gaga. She is full sister to Spicey, and a half to Sly Flyin with the yearling colt being closely related to Smiling Shard & Pemberton Shard..



Tuapeka Lodge

Next stop was the property of Mark O'Connor and Denario Breeding. Mark hosted his own stock as well as that of Southern Bred Southern Reared Chairman Tony Barron. Each had three lots on offer. It wasn't shocking to see the lovely types on offer, it was shocking for this city boy stepping over the live electric fence trying to get himself a free coffee!

Lot 187 caught the eye. He is a lovely big colt by Somebeachsomewhere out of the 4 win mare, Dreamo Denario and closely related to Fake Denario, Slugger and Kotare Mach.

The bus then headed north to Winton to check out the draft being prepared by Michelle Caig on behalf of herself, Alan Johnstone and Thomas White. Given the number of people in the barn taking shelter from the rain, the yearlings behaved super which was a theme throughout the tour. Lot 487 caught the eye a colt by American Ideal whose dam (Zoe's Charm) is a half to Holmes D G and Giovanetto - the breeding is obviously there.



Michelle Caig's draft



Tom & Julie Kilkelly



### Beaudiene Breeding

Last stop for Day One could have been mistaken for a stylish race meeting with many now getting wind of the legendary spread served up by the Kennedy's at Bayswater. Dave and Dawn's Beaudiene Breeding operation has had tremendous success recently, none more so than the now Australian star pacer, Beaudiene Boaz.

Lot 491 is the Somebeachsomewhere filly Beaudiene Beach Babe who covered the ground like a dream. Bred to be super with the race winning dam Beaudiene Maja Babe being a half to Beaudiene Bad Babe, Beaudiene Boaz and Guns N Roses.

I can't go any further without mentioning the food. Dawn and the rest of the team, take a bow. I'd be surprised if there was any seafood left in Southland with some of the biggest Bluff oysters I've seen on offer, as well as crayfish, venison, paua and the local delicacy toheroa needing a special permit from local iwi to be harvested. It doesn't get much better than that!

Day Two brought better weather and with that we were on the road to Wyncham. Duncraigen Farm played host in one of the most picturesque places you could possibly parade horse flesh. The grounds and surrounding gardens were in wonderful order. The drafts of Duncraigen Farm (Bruce & Carolyn Roberts), Steven Baucke and Trevor & Mandy Pearce looked superb. Lot 165 was a typical Bettor's Delight colt being from the five win mare, Citylight. She's a half to Belkmyster and this is her first foal from the same family of Happy Asset and Mighty Khan!

Off we went to Riversdale to the home of Brent and Sheree McIntyre's Macca Lodge. Tremendous facility and some super yearlings awaited us. Lot 511 is a Somebeachsomewhere filly out of the Christian Cullen mare Asajah who is

a half-sister to Elsu & Revonez. With Copper Beach & De Lovely close up in the pedigree this filly should fetch a nice price.

Tapanui was next to Arden Lodge, the home and birthplace of the reigning New Zealand Cup winner. John and Judy Stiven do a wonderful job promoting our industry and have the current Broodmare of Excellence winner, Winter Rose in their fine broodmare team.

Lot 482 is a beautiful Rock N Roll Heaven colt out the dual Group 1 winning mare, Arden's Darlin. Unlike his mother, it's hard to see this horse being taken home by John and one would expect the colt to fetch a nice price.



### Duncraigen Farm

With so many stock to go and see in such a short time frame it needs to be said that Kerry Shaw of PGGW did not only a fantastic job in detailing the lots for the various attendances, but also keeping the tour on time and ahead of schedule. While he refers to himself as a ring-in of sorts, those on the tour could speak highly of Kerry and the job he did!

We were soon en-route to Father Dan Cumming's draft at Tuapeka Lodge in Lawrence where the sun welcomed us, and where there were some very nice looking yearlings.

Tuapeka Lodge had a large draft with ten yearlings going through the parade ring with two from Dillon Lodge also being paraded. A lovely Shadow Play/Lillian colt was first up, Lot 275. This good looking fella is a half to winners Ceasars Folly and Tuapeka Tiz. His 2nd dam was a half to Irakilis and Braeside Star which speaks volumes of the family!

After a great lunch at Tuapeka Lodge, the bus headed further north to Winga-

tui racetrack where we were greeted by the Glenbrook Park and Grant Enterprises drafts.

Graham Mee who is renowned for breaking young horses in was victim of a fractitious yearling that got a bit excited. Graeme took a small tumble when bringing the colt back under control. Being the professional that he is and too his credit he never lost his cigarette and didn't let a few cuts and grazes deter him in leading out a colt from last year's sales topper, Asabella.

The big Somebeachsomewhere colt is strong and correct and when you look at the pedigree page, it's easy to see why the family is hot and fetching top dollar in the ring. Four foals to race for four winners including Ohoka's Bondy, Dancing Diamonds and Code Red.

To be fair to the all preparers and vendors of the other yearlings, the babies were in terrific order and a testament to the Southern Bred Southern Reared product. Unfortunately I don't have room to list them all but I'm sure come sales time the horses will do the talking for themselves.

A big thank you to Rachel Deegan of PGGW for assisting with the trip down, and all the southerners for their hospitality in making a tour like this work so well. With the option of coming down and being billeted, I encourage others who are serious about buying in future years to make the trip south to get the best possible look at the Southern Bred, Southern Reared stock.

### Brad Reid



### Arden Lodge



John, Rebecca and Charlotte Mooney accept the spoils from PGGW representatives Bruce Barlass and Peter Lagan

## PGG FINAL HAS TEAM MIDFREW OVER THE MOON!

A good month can only get better for John and Rebecca Mooney.

Last week brought them a tremendous prize when Luisanabelle Midfrew won \$80,437 in the Listed \$150,000 PGG Wrightson NZ Yearling Sales Final for 3-year-old fillies.

While this was a triumph in itself, there was as much pleasure and satisfaction to make a plan and pull it off. "I'm happy to call it a career highlight," said John, a champion of the breeding industry.

This week, it's Rebecca's turn, solo – a birthday – and next week will bring the sudden drama of selling Lasseter on the first day of the Premier.

Lasseter is the half-brother by Bettor's Delight to Luisanabelle Midfrew, and the result of Addington's feature has the Mooney's entitled to think of a nice bump in value for the colt.

John says there's been great joy seeing the family "come alive" and while he can understand opinions that the fillies fly the flag that's only because there are so many more of them.

**"THEY ARE ALL TOUGH AND DURABLE. LIVE OR DIE HAS MADE A BIG CONTRIBUTION, AND THERE'S BEEN THE UPGRADE FROM MODERN AMERICAN STALLIONS I HAVE USED IN THE LAST DECADE," HE SAID.**

Mooney cut his harness racing teeth 50 years ago on the asphalt bank at Alexandra Park when they had equaliser meetings, and he was a regular at Trentham and Hutt Park when the family moved to Lower Hutt in 1968.

His marriage to Rebecca brought him and Rebecca into the breeding world and the acquisition of Lu Baker, a use-

ful Don Baker mare raced to win three races, one when trained by Les Purdon and the others by John Douglas. Lu Baker was from Babalu, a trotter by Crockett who won seven, from Jaronto, a Johnny Globe mare whose best foal was Lady Able, 5 wins.

Lu Baker was bred to Live Or Die for Lucinda Midfrew, trained by Greg Payne for John and Rebecca, the winner of eight races and the new matriarch of smart offspring.

One is Libertybelle Midfrew (Christian Cullen), developed by their no.1 trainer Nigel McGrath into a high class filly who ran into Venus Serena and has since raced with great distinction in Western Australia where her earnings have topped \$600,000.

"The sale was a business decision, the offer was excellent and there were



Luisanabelle Midfrew and regular pilot, Matty Williamson shoot clear to win the PGGW 3 Year Old Fillies final with ease

not enough opportunities for her after her 3-year-old career. It was also the chance to get the family and name out there into the market. It enhanced our reputation as sellers," he said.

Luabelle Midfrew, by Christian Cullen, was another, and she won five, one for Mattie Williamson who told the Mooney's she would leave a good one, and when he drove Luisanabelle Midfrew to win the Final he knew she had.

Lucinda Midfrew has also left Lulli Midfrew (Bettor's Delight), the winner of six, five for Phil Burrows, and along with Lucasta Midfrew are the nucleus of a powerful little stud.

Lucasta Midfrew (Mach Three) foaled a filly this season to Sportswriter and was served by that sire again. Luabelle Midfrew's second foal was a colt by Rock N Roll Heaven purchase last year by Nigel McGrath for \$60,000, and she lost this year's American Ideal filly. She is now back in foal to American Ideal. Lucinda Midfrew foaled a filly to Rocknroll Hanover; Lulli Midfrew foaled a filly to Art Major and has gone to Art Major again, and Lollapaloosa Midfrew (Christian Cullen) is in foal to American Ideal. All the foaling and breeding is in the care of Gael Murray, now putting the final touches to eight yearlings off to the Premier.

To a limited extent, the Mooney's are cross-coders. John, with friends, won a \$100,000 race at Flemington on Cup Day in 2007 with Illinois Girl, a mare by Traditionally trained by Michael Moroney. He still has a keen interest in the thoroughbreds with a 2YO Jimmy Choux gelding in training at Riccarton with Jumbo Didham and yearling colt by Reliable Man and weanling filly by Ekraar from Celestial, also by Traditionally.

But a greyhound is out. Rebecca has told John the only chance of being in that field is getting one as a pet. Of that there is a high possibility although that has to be negotiated with the two Newfoundlands George and Henry!

**Mike Grainger**



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