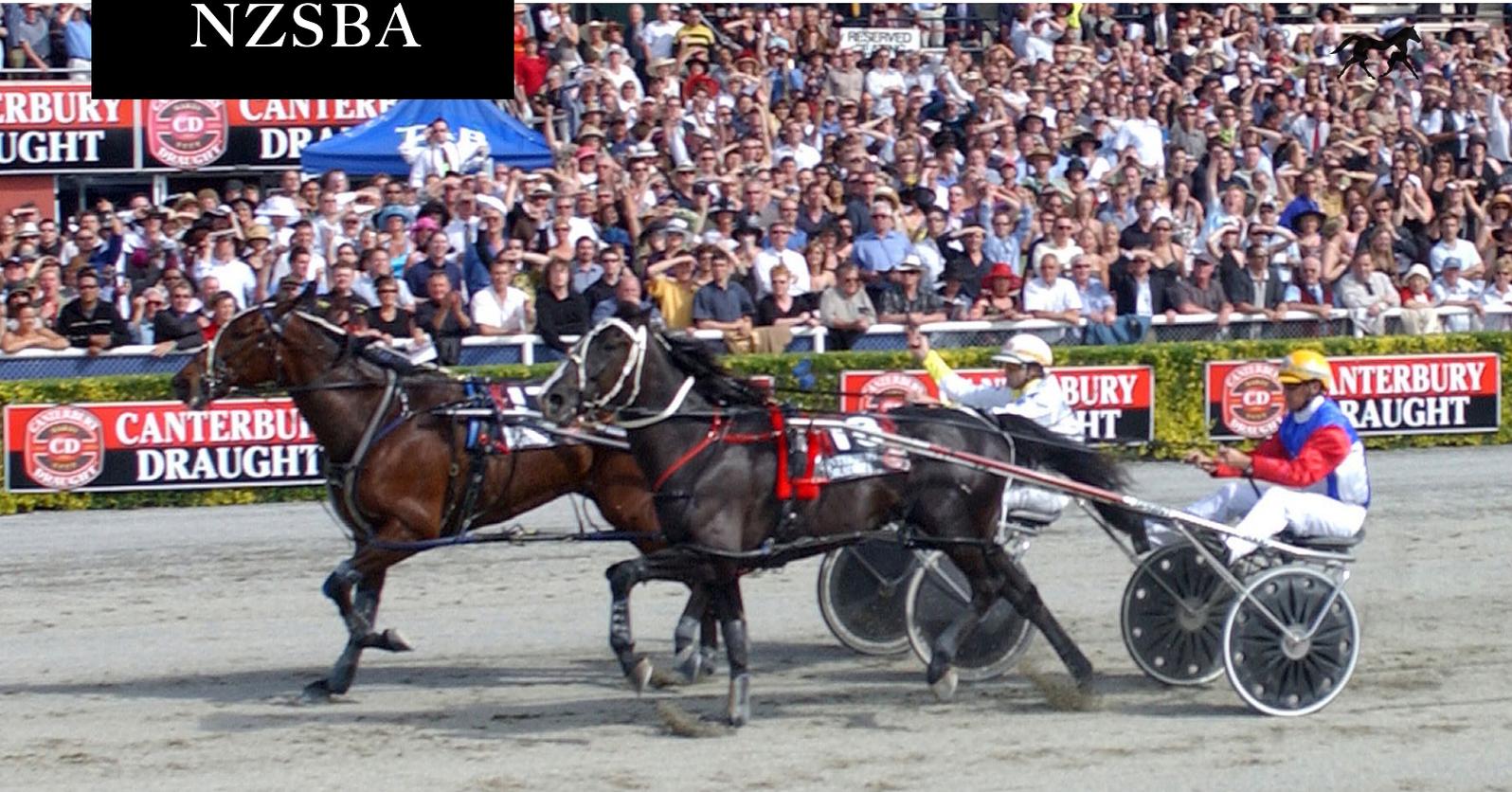


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BREEDERS' WEEKLY

This week we caught up with the breeder of two time New Zealand Cup winner Just an Excuse, Ollie Haines to bring you another edition of Breeder Profiles.

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BIG WEEKEND FOR KIWI BREDS IN THE STATES!

Bit of a Legend and Dexter Dunn cruise to victory at Addington prior to his subsequent sale

The first ever male pacer to win Australasian Breeders Crown Finals at two and three is having a hell of a time state side and flying the flag high for the New Zealand breed in the process.

Ex very successful Kiwi Bit of a Legend (2009 Bettor's Delight - Sokey's Legend, bred by Brian West) was formerly trained by Cran Dalgety. Cran selected Bit Of A Legend from the Studholme Park draft of 2011 at the NZ Premier Yearling Sale for \$50,000 for wife Chrisie Dalgety, Charlton Park Enterprises Ltd principal Pat Kubala (Gore), Ross Stanbury (Ladbrooks) and Darryl Brown (Perth).

Bit of A Legend is this year the richest pacer in North America. He has won seven of his nine starts since joining New York trainer, Peter Tritton and accumulated \$146,750 in the process.

Bit of a Legend has been contesting the Levy Series which has six preliminary rounds concluding with a \$609,000 final this weekend.

In the Levy's preliminary divisions, Bit of a Legend won from off the pace in four of his five starts, including a rally from last place at the top of the stretch in the third week of the event.

Last week, he finished in a dead heat for victory with Wiggle It Jiggleit, the 2015 Horse of the Year, after a duel neither horse wanted to lose. The time of 1:51.2 for the mile was a track record for a dead heat.

"Yonkers really suits him because he's so good gaited and you can drive him anyway --- leave, sit, come first over --- it doesn't matter. He just goes when you say go. He's just a great little racehorse."

He will be joined in the final by another kiwi bred runner, his current (and former) stablemate in Texican will also take part in the rich pacing contest.

Tritton will also send out another New Zealand import in Sell A Bit (2010 Julius Caesar - Nomorenukei bred b Mrs C M Hey) in Saturday's \$309,800 Blue Chip Matchmaker Series final for pacing mares.

"I think she can win, I really do," Tritton said about Sell A Bit. "You can do a bit of work with her early and she'll just keep going. She's a very good mare. I'm quietly confident with her."

Brad Reid

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The closing date for submissions is Thursday 19 May 2016.



BREEDER'S PROFILE



Ollie Haines

Oliver Haines of Cambridge, Waikato is one of racing's good guys. The no nonsense, hardworking seventy seven year old (happy birthday for Wednesday) has been involved in Harness Racing since 1978. After limited success breeding from a succession of hand me down mares, Ollie went to the sales with the intention of buying into some nice families.

He left with a couple of yearlings from the now infamous 'excuse' breed, and the rest they say is history.

Having bred 34 individual winners over the span of 30+ years (including 134 horses), the industry is a better place for his involvement. We took a look back at where it all began including the highs and the lows that invariably come with the sport to bring you another edition of Breeder Profiles.

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN HARNESS RACING?

Through a very good friend of mine in Wellington called Terry Killely in Wellington. He was on the trotting club where I was a member at Hutt Park. We were there one day and he said 'do you wanna go in on a share of a horse with me Ollie?'. I said, "oh yeah, ok, how much is it gonna cost me?"

He said we've got one we have been keeping our eye on a wee colt in the Wairarapa, a yearling and he said its

gonna cost us a thousand dollars all up. There were three of us going in on it (Terry Killely & Gordon Joe) so I said I would pay \$334 and be the majority shareholder.

(Editor's note: We both had a good laugh here)

So anyway, it turned out it was a little horse called Titan Bay (1975 Ch h Caliburn - Primrose Bay) and he won eight races.

John Langdon trained him and he was eventually sold to America. I didn't know a lot about breeding back in those days because I was too busy working, but he was a nice little horse.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING?

I moved up to Cambridge in 1979 and I bought into 50 acres without knowing a lot about farming. Between the three of us in the syndicate with Titan Bay we went and got a few horses and I looked after them on the farm.

We bred a few and then I thought, "no I'm paying all the bills here" and this isn't working for me. I didn't charge my friends anything. We started breeding a few and we got a few round our neck. I thought we were better to have two horses each than 1/3 in six.

So we split them all up by raffle but none went much good. The mares we got were bloody hand me downs from here there and everywhere but I can remember going to the sales in 1984/85 and that's when I started getting into the 'Excuse' breed.

I bought Annie Smooth (1981) Smooth Excuse (1982) and they were full sisters (Smooth Fella - Excuse Me).

I also bought a mare called My Excuse.

I bought Speedy Girl (1975 B m Gaines Minbar - Browngate Lady) and the year after I went back and bought the half-sister, and that turned out to be My Excuse (1987 B m Smooth Fella - Good Excuse) and you know who she left? Just an Excuse (more on him later).

FIRST HORSE YOU BRED?

Speedy Alba (1985), she was by Alba Counsel out of Speedy Girl.

He was a nuggety little horse and he won his first race at Rotorua where Reg Clapp called the races that day and it was a great thrill.

FIRST WINNER YOU BRED?

My first winner was Zeppelin (Lordship - Nina Averil) bred in 1981 which won his first start at Winton in November 1986.

WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBREDS?

I was out of it in 1998/99 when I resigned from the executive at HRNZ after ten years of service. Anyway tempers flare as they do and I walked in to the farm after the Executive Meeting and said to my wife I'm getting rid of all the bloody horses, I'm getting out of Harness Racing and I said we're out, we're not gonna continue with horses.

I tried to give them away, I tried to lease them. I had a lot that had qualified and they were all different ages but largely two and three year olds.

There were also half a dozen broodmares.

So we put them all on the market and John Curtin tried to sell them for me. We ended up getting rid of a few by leasing them and a couple got sold, but not very many.

So I ended up with three mares. My Excuse, Smooth Excuse & Smooth Desi (1991 24 B m Smooth Fella - Desitador) along with two yearlings. Just an Excuse (1998 B g Live Or Die - My Excuse) and the other was called Ok Brandy (1998 B g OK Bye - Smooth Brandy).

Nobody wanted him because Just an Excuse had a clubbed foot, but he didn't know he had one because I never told him, so all his racing days he was just a horse. He was 'Lordy' to us. The other fella won three also!

SO WHY DID YOU PERSEVERE DURING THOSE TIMES?

Because nobody bloody wanted them (laughs). At that stage I said right, well I'll do what I have done for the last twenty years. I reared them, got them broken in, got a trainer to assess them and just carried on so that's what I did.

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I sold the farm not long after that so I had to get them off. I took them out to Wayne Allewood who was also on the executive. He was highly involved in the breeding industry in the North Island.

So I took the mares and the yearlings over there until I could something with them. During that time, Just an Excuse came along and that gave me the ultimate reason to stay in the game.

I wanted to give the breeding another crack and had gotten some mares I had leased back from down south.

I can remember being at Cambridge Raceway one day at the trials and workouts and somebody said to me, Ollie, you will never breed another good one, you've had your share of winners.

That was the wrong thing to say to me. I said "I'll prove ya bloody wrong" and I got the bristles on the back of my neck and I started breeding again.

It's hard to get a good horse breeding just one or two. The best chance is obviously going through the numbers so I went ballistic. My wife is sitting here listening to me and she will probably cut my throat after this is done but we went over board for a wee bit. Just got the numbers around us and I've been breeding to the commercial stallions as often as possible.

FAVOURITE HORSE YOU BRED?

You couldn't put anything over Just an Excuse. We were beaten by Mainland Banner in his bid for three New Zealand Cups in a row. (He also won the Messenger, Taylor Mile, NZ FFA and over a million dollars in stakes to name a few of his accolades).

I'm sitting here trying to count all of his trophies on the corner cabinet (His wife calls out eight!).

If I was to choose another, it would have to be Smooth Performer (1987 B mTop Performer - Annie Smooth).

I bred her and we ended up coming second in the Northern Oaks, we won the New Zealand Oaks and The DB Fillies Final in 1991. So that was my first real major success and she was sold to

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Australia as a three year old.

She was to be the foundation broodmare for a stud being developed over in Australia but unfortunately for the fella that bought her, he died of a heart attack shortly after. She came back with Wayne Francis. Her fourth foal went to America after winning the South Australian and Australian Derbies. His name was Franco Sequel (1999 Falcoln Seelster - 1:51.0US - \$353,011).

She was in a clearance sale because they had trouble selling her! People knew how much they had paid for her and it had put them off. Wayne knew how good she was and brought her back here where she stayed at Spreydon Lodge.

She had a daughter for sale a few years ago at a Nevele R clearance sale. Peter O'Rourke was in charge at that stage and they had bred five or six from her to stallions like McArdle, Badlands Hanover and Falcon Seelster.

Her name was Silky Franco (2000 15 B m Holmes Hanover - Smooth Performer) and she was in foal to Lis Mara.

The first thing I did was look up what they had been breeding her too and I said Peter, can you give me one reason why you haven't put that mare to Live or Die?

There was a bit of silence on the phone for a wee while and he said, oh, "I think I may have cocked that up Ollie" and I said, "I think you might have Pete, I'm gunna try and prove you wrong."

The first year I bred her I put her to Live or Die and the resulting foal was a Smart Excuse (2012 3 B g Live Or Die - Silky Franco). He's ran a second and a third in his first three starts including a second to one of Mark Purdons three-year olds so he's not a bad little horse.

FAVOURITE STALLION?

Smooth Fella was a good stallion.

Live Or Die is the one who has really made a difference to me and Homes Hanover has been a wonderful stallion, especially as a broodmare sire.

I sit down and study the figures provided in the Stallions Register and pay close attention to the numbers in America and Australasia and then I decide which way I'm gunna jump.

HAVE YOU BRED ANYTHING THIS SEASON?

I've got three mares in foal to Somebeachsomewhere and two two-year olds on the ground and one yearling by him also.

ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGE FOR BREEDERS?

I think the Studs are doing a marvellous job and doing their utmost to keep their costs down to a minimum, but I think with the increase to GST over the years, I think that's been a killer for the industry.

Every time you get a \$1000 bill you end up paying \$1150. The GST registered breeders are alright but a lot of ordinary breeders are copping it big time and I think there's a lack of education around what they are entitled.

NEWBERRY'S SUCCESSES AT PARK

Brydon Ideal has been making moves where it counts lately with three wins in his last four starts at northern headquarters, Alexandra Park. This has included providing owner and ex trainer Bryan Newberry with a victory on Great Northern Derby night. In a training career spanning thirty five years (1989 - 2001 unlicensed in NZ, located in Queensland), Newberry gained 77 NZ wins (12 trotting), many with horses tagged with the "Brydon" name. In his first season training (1975/76), he recorded five wins, the initial victory being with Colonel Brydon at Otaki (November 1975) when driven by Gordon Newberry. His final training win came with Roman Centurion at New Plymouth in April 2011.

Newberry's best season was in 1977/8

with sixteen wins (Colonel Brydon 5). Seven training wins with Rum Brydon (2:00.0, Johnstone Memorial), Colonel Brydon (1:58.3 at Alexandra Park, among first 100 2 minute pacers in NZ) and Ceffyl Du being his most significant. His current star Brydon Delight who he bred from Shelley Brydon, is the winner of ten (\$100k+) including 2013 Northern Country Cup final at Manawatu Raceway.

Brydon Ideal has now faced the starter on 15 occasions, recording three victories and four placings, 1:56.5 (1700m M), and \$41,158 for owner/breeder Bryan Newberry. The seven year-old American Ideal gelding is trained at Pukekohe by Jeremy Young. Not raced until five, Brydon Ideal's four wins have all come this season from nine starts in the space of last two months. His initial win at Alexandra Park in late February was in the hands of this season's regular pilot Maurice McKendry. A premier night win was achieved by a comfortable 1¼l in 2:41.5/1:58.1 for 2200mM.. The following win at the end of March was again over 2200mM in a tad slower 2:42.2/1:58.6 for "pinch hitting" driver Tony Herlihy (Maurice McKendry was temporarily hospitalised with a foot infection). His latest success came in a five horse C3-7 1700m field in which McKendry utilised the passing lane for him to fly home from three back on the inner at the turn.

Sire American Ideal (Western Ideal/Lifetime Success), is having another stellar season in New Zealand, with 46 winners of 89 races to date and 363 wins overall (123 NZ winners to date, \$4.1m+/88 AUS bred winners). Included amongst his Australasian successes are Besotted (Taylor Mile), Bling It On (1:50.8, \$1m+, Breeders Crown - 2c, Qld Derby, Gold Coast Cup), Democrat Party (NZSS - 3f), Ideal Belle (NZ Oaks), Ideal For Real (NSW Derby), Ideal Scott (GN Derby, Breeders Crown - 3h, Blacks A Fake, QLD Pacing Championship), Ideal Success (5 grass track Cups), Luisanabelle Midfrew (NZ Breeders Stakes and the PGGW 3YO Fillies Sales Series Final), My Hard Copy (\$1m+, WA Cup twice), Seel The Deal, Star Of Isis, Tas Man Bromac, The Orange Agent (1:51.1, GN Oaks, Nevele R Fillies, Jewels/Breeders Crown - 3f).

Brydon Ideal's dam, Tracey Brydon (Butler BG/Colleen Brydon) was bred

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and raced by Newberry with one second placing and a couple of fourths her only financial returns. As a broodmare, her breeding career was sparse and spaced - just three foals in total :

- Stacey Brydon (2000g Sands A Flyin), 2 NZ wins/2 AUS wins, 1:59.0AUS
- Brydon Ideal (2008g) - as above and her final as yet unraced foal, Lacey Brydon (2013 Roll With Joe filly).

Grand-dam Colleen Brydon (April Bay/Cherry Brydon), had the one start for Newberry, an eighth at Alexandra Park before leaving two foals - Tracey Brydon and unraced Frugal Gourmet gelding Brydon Gourmet.

His third dam Cherry Brydon (Tarport Prince/Modern Scott) began this successful winning family branch for Bryan and Gordon Newberry. She was unraced but a productive broodmare leaving 11 live foals at stud. These included six winners and a qualifier from seven to race :

- Leo Brydon (Estes Minbar gelding), 2 NZ 2yo wins; Tree Town Stakes, Cambridge/1:59.1US, \$90,109
- Debbie Brydon (Don Baker filly), unraced, dam of winner/grand dam of winner
- Roger Brydon (Don Baker gelding), unplaced in NZ/1 AUS win at Tweed Heads
- Tony Brydon (Rum Customer gelding) 1 Alexandra Park win at first of ninety seven starts
- Michael Brydon (Rum Customer gelding), 1 win
- Sonny Brydon (Rum Customer), 1 win
- Ricky Brydon (Alba Byrd gelding), 2 wins

Also from the family of Dolly by Stockwell (A34) which aside from those already mentioned, are trotters Romper Stomper (NZ Trotting FFA), Bay Talent (CPTC/Ordeal/Green Lane/Morrinsville Trotting Cups), Viva Romero (Rosso Antico Stakes - 3T), Mandy Hanover, Joe, Amanda Hanover and pacers owned/bred/raced by Gordon and Bryan Newberry in Connie Brydon (Smalley Stakes - 3) and Brydon Duke, (1:54.8TT, Redcliffe/Townsville/Lord Mayors Cups).

Peter Craig

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THE ROYAL MESSENGER

Sailesh Abernathy and Princess Kate score at Manawatu Raceway last Tuesday night

Princess Kate is a year too old and unfortunately the wrong sex but Lyn Messenger isn't giving up hope that one day she and her husband Alan will breed and own a New Zealand Messenger runner one day.

But the mare who was named after England's commoner princess is still the best horse the Messengers have owned or bred since taking up the sport 16 years ago.

"She's won seven races now - one more than her mother Attsa Nice. Both

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those mares fuelled our fire for the sport. We owned Devine Temptation as well. He won six races.

"Alan and I were late starters and when we did get into ownership early on we thought wouldn't it be great to win a Messenger one day. How ironic!

"We might be running out of time but are forever hopeful it will still happen one day," 69-year-old Messenger (Lyn) said.

The Taranaki couple made it to Manawatu Raceway last Tuesday to watch Princess Kate win her win the \$6,000 Wairarapa Harness Racing Club C2 and C3 Pace.

However they weren't on-course two days later to watch the 5-year-old Bettor's Delight mare run second behind Wynberg Courage on the same track in the \$8,000 Wairarapa Trading Company C3-C6 Pace.

"Perhaps she might have won if we made the trip south to Palmerston North. She's a wonderful mare and we are very proud of her. I'm glad we didn't sell her. I think she will follow in her Mum's footsteps and make a nice broodmare one day," Messenger said.

Princess Kate was born on the day the Royal couple announced their engagement. That was November 17, 2010. She was the second of three foals so far left by the now 14-year-old Presidential Ball mare, Attsa Nice.

"Attsa Nice was also trained and driven by Nicky Chilcott. We have been with Nicky since day one. We did have gallopers and then one day at the New Plymouth races Alan went up to Nicky and asked her about getting a horse.

"She gave us a stallion book and we haven't looked back since. We value what Nicky does. She is a wonderful horsewoman," Messenger said.

The Messengers bought Attsa Nice and raced her with Chilcott. Messenger said they bought the mare because of the breeding.

"Her dam, Heather Laurique (by Holmes Hanover) also won six races and Nicky gave us some good advice. After Attsa Nice finished racing in 2008

and then in 2009 (October) she left her first foal," said Messenger.

That first foal was Lyn's Delight – a brown Bettor's Delight mare, who won two races before being retired in August last year.

"She was served the month after we retired her by Sunshine Beach. We were reluctant to retire her but her form tapered off and we thought she might leave some nice foals.

"She had more than 50 starts and won both of her races with Michelle Wallis and Bernie Hackett before finishing her career with Nicky," Messenger said.

Attsa Nice's second foal - Princess Kate - was also by Bettor's Delight but after that she struck breeding problems.

"For three years in a row we had her served by American Ideal and on all three occasions she slipped her foals. She would hold them for five months and then lose them. That's when we decided to change stallions," Messenger said.

The Messengers put Attsa Nice to Auckland Reactor and now have a yearling colt named Primo Potro.

"He had a set-back with stomach problems but he is now back to where he should be and Nicky says he's a lovely horse.

"Attsa Nice also left us a Sportswriter colt. The mare hasn't weaned him yet, but he's also a nice looking foal. I'd like to call him 'Friday Flash'," Messenger said.

"She's now in foal to Betterthancheddar," she added.

The Messengers are also breeding from 8-year-old two-win Falcon Seelster mare, Lindenny's Star. She has left a yearling American ideal filly named Ally Mae and this season an Auckland Reactor filly.

The Messengers are dairy farmers. They live between Inglewood and Egmont Village.

Duane Ranger

NEK TIME A NEW ZEALAND OAKS?

Nek Time's dominant win in the Southland Oaks last Sunday was a first for many involved.

Glenys and Terry Chmiel collected their first Group victory as trainers and deservedly so.

Gotta Go Collect picked up his first Group Two victory as a sire, and also his first Oaks, something his dam Elect to Live knows a thing or two about.

It was also the first Group victory for Canterbury breeders, Stephen and Angela Boyd with the former having purchased Nek Time's dam with an eye to win a few races.

"Me and Tony (Stewart) bought Braithwaite (2004 11 B m Jenna's Beach Boy - Carnasserie) off Mike Stratford for around \$500.

"We only had her for four starts where she won two, but she was quite smart and could have won four or five races had she stayed sound.

Unfortunately a suspensory issue cut short her race career and the decision to try her as a broodmare should have been an easy one.

The dam of Braithwaite, Carnasserie (1996 19 B m Caprock - Strathmeal) had since left a Victorian Oaks winner in Charlotte Brew (2006 Mach Three - \$112,950).

A beautifully bred colonial sire was chosen as her first mating.

"Tony made the decision to go to Gotta Go Collect! Braithwaite's first foal turned out to be no good. She's a big mare and he was just too overgrown, a really, really big horse.

"We went again the following year and the resulting foal was Nek Time.

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"She had a fair bit of attitude and was a fiery wee thing, she just needed a bit of time and looks to have grown a lot in the last year. She was a small horse to start out with."

Good things can come in small packages, and a sizzling Ashburton trial saw the daughter of Gotta Collect changing hands.

"We took her to one workout and I got Terry to drive her at the trials and he basically bought her there and then. She went 1:58 in her first trail at Ashburton and ran home in 55."

While the breeding papers list his wife Angela and good friend Tony Stewart as breeders, it would appear the latter chose the wrong time to move on from breeding from his initial race purchase.

"Tony has sort of taken a back-step the last couple of years and we've done it ourselves, the poor bugger bred the first one and then we sort of took over as far as breeding from the mare.

"He missed out really!!

"We don't breed many so it would definitely be our biggest win as breeders. We mainly get them up and going and move them on, but a large part of my focus recently has been breaking them in. We've just broken in around 15 since the sales."

"Phil Williamson is probably our biggest client, but we've just done a couple for Mark Purdon and a few for Trent Yesberg and Harvey Kaplan."

"I'm actually looking to diversify a wee bit and have just put an aqua jogger in with a plan to do some rehab and pre training etc."

The Boyd's also have another mare in the barn they are breeding from and the early signs are positive.

"Mackles Creek (2004 11 B m Holmes Hanover - Why Not Girl) has only had one foal. She won three and she's got a Smiling Shard and a Prodigal Seelster filly on the ground. They're very nice types actually the Prodigal Seelsters. I know he didn't get much support in terms of mares but I've got a couple on the property showing a bit of promise. I can't fault them at all!"

Brad Reid



Southland Oaks winner Nek Time and Dexter Dunn return to the fray after winning at Addington earlier in the year



Panspacificflight who stands at Macca Lodge is quietly building a solid reputation as a sire of the future

UNDERRATED STALLION SHOWS HIS WORTH

He hails from one of New Zealand's most prolific breeding families having bred numerous Group One winners including last year's New Zealand Cup champion, Arden Rooney.

But Southlander John Stiven still gets a big kick out of breeding any winner – even a pacer nailing his first victory at the other end of the country.

In Full Flight was having his first start for Jason and Megan Teaz after six average performances for former trainers John and Josh Dickie.

"I'm so pleased he's finally put his hoof in the till. I have always been a

big believer in Panspacificflight. He's a Western Hanover line stallion from one of the hottest maternal families in harness racing.

"Fifty per cent of his first-crop were winners," Tapanui-based Stiven said.

In Full Flight, a 4-year-old Panspacificflight – Scherger Rein gelding, won last Friday's \$12,000 D M Plumbing Maiden Pace by a neck. He was the seventh favourite of the seven starters and paid \$18.60 to win.

It was junior driver Megan Teaz's third win of the season and 16th in a career dating back to 2008.

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"I was delighted to see him win for the owners. We sold him at the Yearling Sales for \$17,000. We only leased the mare so we could have her served by Panspacificflight," Stiven said.

In fact Stiven played a big part in getting Panspacificflight's semen imported to New Zealand. He discussed the idea several years ago with Macca Lodge proprietor, Brent McIntyre, and through those talks Panspacificflight now has frozen semen available at McIntyre's stud farm in Riversdale.

As well as In Full Flight, Stiven also bred 3-year-old Panspacificflight-Scherger Rein colt, which has since died.

"We only bred two horses from the mare and when the lease ran out we gave her back to her owner (R. D. Nevill). He is still breeding from her," Stiven said.

Now 16, Scherger Rein is by Sir Vancelot and out of the Clever Innocence mare, Irish Beauty. She won five of her 49 starts and just under \$50,000 for Cambridge horseman, Sean McCaffrey.

Fifty-three-year-old Stiven believed this would be one of many future winners for Panspacificflight.

"He's such an underrated stallion. His mother is a full sister to the dam of boom sire Art Major and his full brother Perfect Art. Another full sister left the champion mare Worldly Beauty and is also the grandam of champion pacer Captaintreacherous, who is now retired to stud.

"Panspacificflight's dam is also a half-sister to the sire Real Artist. And he has a half-brother who has gone under 1:50 and earned nearly \$US1 million.

Panspacificflight also left a 2-year-old Group 1 winner, Arden's Choice, from his first two crops," Stiven said.

Stiven, who runs a Southland timber business, said breeding standardbreds was gradually becoming a full-time occupation. He has 15 mares on his 'Arden Lodge' property and is just carrying on from where his late parents left off.

His father Doug started the famous 'Arden' Breed with the family's first mare in 1969. In 1974 they registered the name

'Arden' with the New Zealand Trotting Conference.

"Dad passed away in 2001 and I helped Mum (Noreen) carry on with the breeding, doing the hands on work and also in an advisory capacity. Mum died in 2012," Stiven said.

He said he really got hooked when Arden Meadow won the Western Australia Derby in 1986.

"I was given a half share in him for my 21st birthday and haven't looked back since. Our family has had some wonderful times over the years.

"Arden Rooney's New Zealand Cup last year was special. Ironically Arden Rooney, Arden's Darlin and First Class Arden all went through the sales and didn't sell.

"Winning last year's 'Broodmare Excellence Award with Winter Rose was a huge highlight. She has produced Bettor's Strike, Rocknroll Arden, Southwind Arden, Arden's Choice, Bella Arden, Winter Strike, and Garden Rose," said Stiven.

So are there any youngsters we should be looking out for?

"I like an Art Major – Rocknroll Arden colt who was born this season. I really like the look of him and am hopeful he will go on with it.

"I'm really enjoying what I do, and Judy (wife) and I want to carry on what my parents started. I'm not the type to sit on my hands and go backwards," he said.

Duane Ranger

GUV'NR RATES ON GRASS

With his eighth victory back on the 26th of March, five-year old grey Monkey Bones gelding Sir George Grey furthered his fine grass track record to five wins from six starts for Mike and Susan Clegg.

This latest grass track success came on the opening day of Hawera's Easter meeting, settling back in the field, he effortlessly strode to the lead for regular driver David Butcher winning the 2100m standing start event by 1¼ lengths in 2:51.4/T2:11.3.

Raced on grass at the Taranaki TC meetings, the squaregaiter was third on 1 April and unplaced on the second day (3 April) when his pacing bred stable-mate Franco Nadal won the main trot, his eighth success but first for Balle stable.

Sir George Grey's five grass track victories have been at Ruakaka (Northland HRC January 2014), Avondale (Kumeu TC February 2014), Te Kapua Park (Stratford TC February 2015), Pukekura Raceway (Taranaki TC March 2015) and Hawera Racecourse (March 2016). His overall grass record now stands at 8 : 5 - 0 -1 with a best mile rate on grass of T2:07.2 recorded over 1750mM at New Plymouth in March 2015. David Butcher handled him in all but the Kumeu win where Zac Burtcher kept the winning driving streak in the family.

His three all-weather track successes have been at Cambridge (Tuesday June 2013, the day before David Butcher left to represent NZ at 2013 World Drivers Championship in France), Alexandra Park (Franklin TC April 2014) and Cambridge again in May 2014, with James Stormont handling him in the latter two victories after David Butcher was sidelined by injury. A winner in each season he has raced, coming at two (1), three (4), four (2), five (1) with the latest two wins first up after nine and six month spells respectively. Sir George Grey's overall race record currently shows 37 : 8 - 4 -4. \$56,333, T2:03.6.

Trained at Pukekohe by Derek Balle, with wife Raelene's assistance, Sir George Grey is the latest quality trotter produced from Balle's stable. The most notable of these have been :
- Martina H (14 NZ/4 AUS wins, T1:59.2, \$400k+; Rowe Cup, Dominion Hcp - deadheat with Take A Moment, ID heats (2), Holmfield, VIC Trotters Derby heat (4th final), Dullard Cup; seconds VIC Trotters Oaks, National Trot (twice), Rowe Cup, Challenge Stakes, ID Grand Final; thirds Trotting C/S, National Trot, Dullard Cup; fourths Cambridge Flying Mile, ID Grand Final, City of Sails FFA (three times)

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- Galleons Sunset (12 NZ/2 AUS wins, T1:58.9, \$300k+; Bill Collins Mile, ID Grand Final; second and third Cambridge Flying Mile; fifth Rowe Cup

- Other Trotters including - Lleyton H (15 NZ/2 AUS wins, T1:58.4; ID Consolation, VIC McNamara Memorial; fourth Dominion Hcp); Bangers And Mash (7 NZ wins, T1:57.2US); Cool Kahli (7 wins); Moment Of Truth (4/27 wins for Balle); Cool Cobber (3/9 wins for Balle, fourth Rowe Cup); Sunease (10w)

- Pacers including - Jag Star, 2/9 wins for Balle, Waikato Flying Mile (1:54.6); Master Charlie (8 wins, fourth Franklin Cup)

Closing in on 200 driving successes, Balle's training stats currently stand at 392 (180 trotters). Of these, 238 (112 trotters) are on his own account, the balance in partnerships with Peter Blanchard, Ian Small, Steve Clarke and Owen Gillies.

Andover Hall stallion Monkey Bones (deceased), sire of Sir George Grey, has left 22 winners of 71 races for \$550,000 in NZ including Idle Bones (8 wins, \$68,404, T2:00.7), 7 race winners

Bonechip (\$71,051, T2:00.0) and Doctor Bones (\$75,461, T2:02.6), Millicent (5 wins, \$37,825, T2:00.6), Jayceekay (4 wins, \$31,463, T2:00.9).

Sir George Grey's dam Georgeina (Sundon/Bonnie Quine), now owned by the Cleggs, won one race (New Plymouth for Dane Alexander) and is dam of eight foals to date (seven for Cleggs), three to race for two winners :

- John Joseph (2007g Earl), 2 wins, T2:06.6

- Sir George Grey (2010g), as above

Grand dam Bonnie Quine (Chiola Hanover/Sergalina), was a two race winner (Claudelands, Morrinsville TC/ Cambridge) and dam of six foals for three to race with two winners :

- Georgeina (1997f), as above

- T K Victor (1999g Simon Roydon), 4 NZ wins, T2:04.6, \$31,824, NZSS

- 2T, 2yo Trotter of Year; 5 Aus wins, T2:09.4AUS, \$27,337, SA Trotters Derby; T1:58.1US; total earnings \$77,060 from 12 wins

Third dam Sergalina (Sergio Hanover/Lady Evalina), was the winner of six races (three each at Cambridge and Alexandra Park) from 133 starts, T2:07.4, \$45,960. She was dam of two live foals only with Bonnie Quine the only starter.

Fourth dam Lady Evalina also left Felicia, 5 wins [all at two] from 7 2/3yo starts, T2:06.7, \$10,045, NZ Trotting Stakes- 2T, 2yo Trotter of Year). Felicia was dam of four winners including Workaholic (6 wins); grand dam of Three By Two (16 AUS wins, \$89,607, T2:00.7, Jim McNeill Trot Final, Gp3 Albion Park).

Sir George Grey comes from the family of Logan Lass (N129) which includes trotters Royal Romance (Dominion Hcp), Royal Mile (Trotting Stakes - 3T), Profile (Dullard Cup) and open class pacers Royal Trump, Junior Royal (National/Ollivier Hcps); Another Stubbies (NSWSS - 3f), Empire Knight (1:56.1US, \$157,320, USA Fireball Series), El Victory (1:55.2US, \$190,200), Il Campione (1:53.0US, \$160,377, Otaki Cup, Northern Country Cups C/S).

Peter Craig

Sir George Grey wins at Hawera's Easter meeting in the hands of David Butcher



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