

Ebbett Hamilton



NATIONAL BREEDING *Awards*

CELEBRATING OUR NZ BREEDING ACHIEVEMENTS



SIR PATRICK & JUSTINE LADY HOGAN
NZ BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

WAIKATO STUD

Mark & Gary Chittick



ARION PEDIGREES EIGHT CARAT
BROODMARE OF THE YEAR AWARD

MELEKA BELLE

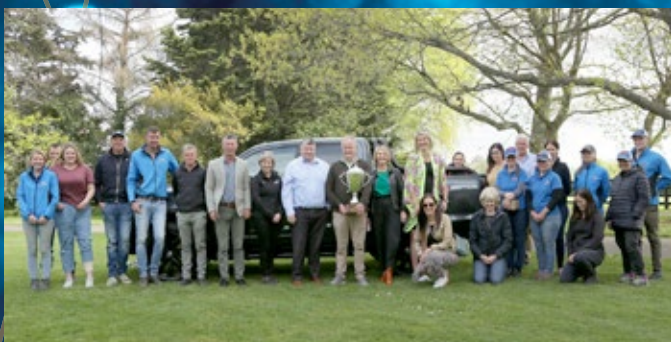


CATHAY PACIFIC
HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Seton Otway Memorial Trophy

MELODY BELLE

Breeder: Marie Leicester



PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

RICK WILLIAMS



MARY LYNNE RYAN
YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

JULIAN CORBAN

GROUP ONE WINNERS

BEAUTY GENERATION

Breeding: Road to Rock – Stylish Bel (Bel Esprit)

Breeders: Nearco Stud Ltd

Race won: HKJC Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup

Sponsor: New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance

CATALYST

Breeding: Darci Brahma – Evana (Entrepreneur)

Breeder: The Oaks Stud

Race won: New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas

Sponsor: Matamata Veterinary Services

COOL AZA BEEL

Breeding: Savabeel – Cool 'n' Sassy (Testa Rossa)

Breeder: Fairdale Stud (2007) Ltd

Race won: ARC Diamond Stakes

Sponsor: Curraghmore

ETAH JAMES

Breeding: Raise The Flag – Etah (Danasinga)

Breeder: G R Howes, Mrs C R & M Lupton & T C Reid

Race won: ATC Sydney Cup

Sponsor: White Robe Lodge

JENNIFER ECCLES

Breeding: Rip Van Winkle – Platinum Elle (Elnadim)

Breeder: Westend Partnership

Race won: New Zealand Oaks

Sponsor: Valachi Downs

JULIUS

Breeding: Swiss Ace – Oh So Royal (Danzero)

Breeder: G Harvey

Race won: ARC Railway Stakes

Sponsor: Dunstan Horsefeeds

KOLDING

Breeding: Ocean Park – Magic Star (Danzero)

Breeder: W Pegg

Race won: ATC Epsom Handicap

Sponsor: Waikato Stud

LOIRE

Breeding: Redoute's Choice – Syrah (Traditionally)

Breeder: Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd

Race won: New Zealand One Thousand Guineas

Sponsor: Cambridge Equine Hospital

MELODY BELLE

Breeding: Commands – Meleka Belle (Iffraaj)

Breeder: Mrs N M Leicester

Races won: Hawkes Bay Tarzino Trophy

Hawkes Bay Windsor Plate

Hawkes Bay Livamol Classic

VRC Empire Rose Stakes

Sponsor: Haunui Farm

MIAMI BOUND

Breeding: Reliable Man – Arapaho Miss (Danehill Dancer)

Breeder: G Harvey

Race won: VRC Oaks

Sponsor: The Oaks Stud

PROBABELL

Breeding: Savabeel – Far Fetched (Pins)

Breeder: G J Chittick

Race won: ATC Surround Stakes

Sponsor: Fairdale Stud

ROGER THAT

Breeding: Shinko King – Heather Lyn (Yamanin Vital)

Breeder: H R Brooks

Race won: Auckland Cup

Sponsor: BRIGHTHILL FARM

TE AKAU SHARK

Breeding: Rip Van Winkle – Bak Da Chief (Chief Bearheart)

Breeder: D B Hollinshead

Races won: Waikato Sprint

ATC Chipping Norton Stakes

Sponsor: Windsor Park Stud

THE BOSTONIAN

Breeding: Jimmy Choux – Keepa Cheval (Keeper)

Breeder: Archer Equine Investments Ltd

Race won: ATC Canterbury Stakes

Sponsor: Rich Hill Stud

TIPTRONIC

Breeding: O'Reilly - Tiptoes (Pins)

Breeder: Waikato Stud Ltd

Race won: Waikato RC Herbie Dyke Stakes

Sponsor: Hallmark Stud

GROUP ONE WINNERS

TOFANE

Breeding: Ocean Park – Baggy Green (Galileo)
Breeder: G R Cunningham
Race won: ATC All Aged Stakes
Sponsor: Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre

TOFFEE TONGUE

Breeding: Tavistock – Bagalollies (Zabeel)
Breeder: C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell,
T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac & D R Platt
Race won: SAJC Schweppes Oaks
Sponsor: Cambridge Stud

TRAVELLING LIGHT

Breeding: El Roca – Cissy Bowen (Colombia)
Breeder: C R & I MacRury
Race won: WRC Levin Classic
Sponsor: Westbury Stud

TRUE ENOUGH

Breeding: Nom du Jeu – Valda's Dream (Sakura Seeking)
Breeder: B A V & Mrs V A Preston
Race won: ARC Zabeel Classic
Sponsor: Trelawney Stud

VERRY ELLEEGANT

Breeding: Zed – Opulence (Danroad)
Breeder: J D Goodwin
Race won: ATC Tancred Stakes
Sponsor: Grangewilliam Stud

WYNDSPELLE

Breeding: Iffraaj – Western Star (High Chaparral)
Breeder: Mrs S D Hart
Race won: WRC Captain Cook Stakes
Sponsor: Wentwood Grange



HORSE OF THE YEAR | MELODY BELLE
Empire Rose Stakes, Group 1, Flemington, Australia

HONOURING EXCELLENCE WITH OUR NATIONAL BREEDING AWARDS

Out of adversity comes creativity and that has certainly been the case with the NZTBA's new Ebbett VW NZTBA National Breeding Awards.

This year was the first year of hosting such awards in conjunction with the Waikato Branch, sponsors were organised, new trophies commissioned and a gala event planned but, COVID-19 and its restrictions prevented that from happening.

Instead the awards were presented with a combination of digital presentations and a bit of a roadshow around the various recipients, complete with the VW Amarok and beverages from Soho Wines and Quartz Reef. The upshot of that being that we have some fabulous videos on our website of the winners for your entertainment.

The Awards included the Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady Hogan Breeder of the Year, the Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year sponsored by Arion Pedigrees and the three Champion stallion trophies being the Dewar (Australasian earnings), Centaine (Worldwide earnings) and Grosvenor (New Zealand earnings) Awards, which were previously presented at the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Horse of the Year Awards dinner.

As they were also going to incorporate the successful group one awards dinner previously held by the Waikato branch of the NZTBA they also included their traditional awards, being the award for the breeder of the Seton Otway trophy for the Horse of The Year, the Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever, and the Personality of the Year award, along with trophies for the breeders of 21 Group One winners.

In the beginning of September to mark the start of the breeding season, the NZTBA President John Thompson started the ball rolling by presenting Waikato Stud and Garry Chittick with the new perennial trophy, kindly

Marie Leicester and NZTBA Councillor Michelle Saba



Loire - Rob Hitchcock, Brent and Cherry Taylor

donated by Joan Egan, for the prestigious Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady Hogan Breeder of the Year award.

In a very successful year for New Zealand breeders, the voting went right down to the wire with Waikato Stud prevailing from a stellar pool of finalists which featured Gerry Harvey, Nearco Stud, The Oaks Stud and Trelawney Stud.

According to NZTBA President John Thompson, the competition for the New Zealand Breeder of the Year Award gets stronger every year.

"The calibre of the candidates and the horses they breed is outstanding and it's always a very tough decision," Thompson said.

"The criteria are based on achievements that clearly reflect true breeding merit locally and internationally in the season under review. And when measuring that performance, we take into account the location and scope of the breeding operation and the success achieved in relation to that size.

"Our breeding is showcased by the likes of the Group One winners Probabeel, Miami Bound, Melody Belle and Avantage, just to name a few. There is a tremendous amount of investment in the New Zealand breeding industry and we are certainly seeing the results of that in the finalists for this award."

Group One winners bred at the respected Matamata nursery included Probabeel (Savabeel - Far Fetched) and Tiptronic (O'Reilly - Tiptoes), with Probabeel winning the Gr.1 Surround Stakes (1400m) in Sydney and the Karaka Million 3YO (1600m), while Tiptronic won the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa. Probabeel was also placed in the Gr.1 Vinery Stakes (2000m) and Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes (1500m).

Once again, all three stallion Awards the Dewar, Centaine and Grosvenor also went to Waikato Stud, with Ocean Park taking out the Dewar ahead of Savabeel who claimed the other two.



Williams Family - Natalie, Nash, Rachael, Jo, Emaani & NZTBA Personality of the Year Rick Williams



Justine Sclater, Cathay Pacific Heather Skinner, Marie and Charlie Leicester

The following week, at a small gathering at Haunui Farm in Auckland Marie Leicester was presented with the Arion Pedigrees Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year Award for her Iffraaj(GB) mare Meleka Belle. She is the dam of the fabulous multiple group one winning mare Melody Belle and Exaltation a winner of two races from three starts.

Melody Belle's (Commands [AUS]) achievements on the racetrack last season included three Group One victories in the history making Hawkes Bay Triple Crown, before a win in the Gr.1 VRC Empire Rose Stakes (1600m) and a second to Magic Wand in the Gr.1 McKinnon Stakes (2000m).

In the Autumn she was third in the Gr.1 Futurity Stakes (1400m) and the rich All Star Mile (1600m), before finishing fourth in the Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap (1600m).

These deeds also earned Melody Belle the Seton Otway trophy for the Horse of The Year which was presented to Leicester as her breeder. This award has been sponsored by Cathay Pacific for over 20 years.

Presentations have also been made of the two other awards traditionally presented at the Waikato Branch Group One annual dinner, the Personality of the Year Award won by Rick Williams and the Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever Award won by Julian Corban.

A passion for pedigrees has seen Rick Williams involved in the thoroughbred industry for well over 35 years, as a consultant, owner, administrator, NZTBA Councillor and for the last 20 years General Manager of The Oaks Stud.

In that time, at The Oaks he has overseen the development of some exceptional racehorses and excellent stallions, including the former Champion 2YO Darci Brahma who as a sire has enjoyed a very successful season in 2019/20. The Oaks owned Catalyst by that sire featured as a leading three-year-old during the year winning the Gr.NZ2000 Guineas, in fact it was a Darci Brahma quinella with Harlech running second. Catalyst went on to feature in what many say was the race of the year in Australasia, the C.S Hayes Stakes with Alligator Blood, and claim the New Zealand Three-year-old of the Year title.

The Corban family (Brian Devine, Catherine Corban, Pauline Devine, Dominic Corban, Dijana Corban, Colleen Thompson, Sam Corban) with Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever Julian Corban.





The Bostonian – David Archer and Diane Wright

Williams has served two terms as a Director of NZTR where he has worked tirelessly for breeders to maintain their share of the funding, and ensure their voice was heard, in his quiet determined understated way. He was a great advocate for breeders working with them and NZTR to help shape the changes for the new Racing Bill.

His knowledge of the thoroughbred industry as whole is wide ranging and he is never short of a well thought out opinion. Williams is a true personality within our industry and well worthy of the award.

Julian Corban has spent his lifetime at Cambridge Stud where his father Marcus was General Manager. He spent his school holidays working with the staff on the stud and at the age of 17 he joined the permanent staff under the guidance of Sir Patrick Hogan, where he started



Julius and Miami Bound - Westbury Stud's Annet Becker, Libby O'Sullivan and Russell Warwick

working initially with the broodmare team, advancing through to all aspects of hands on work with weanlings, yearlings, and stallions.

He progressed to becoming a well-known leader of colts in the sales ring for Cambridge Stud, along with leading yearlings for Coolmore Stud at the Australian Easter Sales each year.

Julian has a real affinity with horses, building up great relationships with them. In particular as dedicated groom to ill-fated stallion Burgundy, who he proudly paraded for many stud visitors.

He has become an essential part of the Cambridge Stud team and is well respected and admired by his workmates.

THANKS EBBETT VW

Spotted the NZTBA National Awards sign written VW Amarok Ute on the road?

Ebbett Volkswagen Hamilton has generously offered the NZTBA a six (6) month lease on a V6 Amarok Darkside Edition with tow bar, valued at \$82,500 to be auctioned honoring our National Breeding Award winners with all proceeds to go directly to the NZTBA.

The lease term shall be six (6) months or, 10,000 kms, whichever comes first. The lease value is \$2,000 per month including GST.

The NZTBA would like to thank Ebbett VW Hamilton for their support of the National Breeding Awards and, the Association. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Ebbett VW Hamilton and encourage any members who might be considering a vehicle change, to give Poll and his team a call 07 838 2949.

Contact our office for further details -
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SOUTH ISLAND BREEDING AWARDS 2019-20

A cocktail function was held on Friday 2nd October to celebrate the South Island Breeding and Racing Awards at Riccarton Park Racecourse. The following Awards were presented to South Island Breeders.

South Island Breeder of the Year 2019-20 – Seamist Trophy – Karen and Willie Calder

South Island Broodmare – Etah NZ (Danasinga – Amanpour) – GR Howes, Mark and Cath Lupton

South Island Stallion - Raise the Flag GB (Sadler's Wells – Hasili) – White Robe Lodge

Gus Wigley accepting the Seamist Award on behalf Willie and Karen Calder who were named South Island Breeders of the Year from Brett Anderson, CE, Christchurch Casino.



BRAMWELL BATE/VETSONE HAWKES BAY & POVERTY BAY BREEDING AND RACING AWARDS

A cocktail evening was hosted by the Owners and Breeders Association together with Hawkes Bay Racing on Friday the 2nd October, eve of the Windsor Park Plate. Awards were presented to

BREEDER AWARDS

Most wins breeder – Chris Russell

Breeder of the year – Points – Chris Russell/ Chris Walker

HB/PB Broodmare of the Year – All Magic NZ (Victory Dance – Sounds Expensive)

RACING AND OWNER AWARDS

Chouxmaani Investments 3yo of the year – Chuck a Luck (Miss AJ Baldwin, A P Beachen, HM & KR Rice CA & Mrs RA Walker.)

Owner of the Year – Simon Wilson

Trainer of the year (wins) – Guy Lowry/ Grant Cullen

Trainer of the year (Strike rate) – John Bary

HB/PB Trained Horse of the Year – Peso

HB/PB Owned Horse of the Year – Alabama Express (David Morison)



Hawkes Bay Breeder of the Year Chris Russell

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