

# BREEDERS' BULLETIN



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## INTERNATIONAL THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' CONGRESS 2015

THE ROLE OF GENETICS, RADIOGRAPHS & ENDOSCOPES



**Delegates of the ITBF, representing 36 countries, visited Ireland for their annual Congress on 10-15th September, during which presentations took place on genetics and the role of radiographs and endoscopes at public auctions. Michael Martin (CEO) attended the Congress and represented New Zealand thoroughbred breeders.**

### DR JEFF BERK

Opening the sessions, Dr Jeff Berk provided an overview of the use of radiographs and their significance at sales in the USA. He asked whether radiographic signs of sesamoiditis in yearlings predisposed the development of suspensory ligament branch injury (SLBI) and looked at research that had found almost 10% of yearlings had a prevalence of SLBI in their first year of race training. Yearlings with pronounced sesamoiditis on their radiographs were five times more likely to develop SLBI than those without sesamoiditis.

However, he pointed out that assessing radiographs was not a clear cut pass or fail. "The goal for vets is to correctly identify a problem and the level of risk it represents," said Berk. "We must realise that some horses can function quite well with the problems we find."

He suggested vets speak in terms of moderate risk, from high to low, when assessing a problem. "We are dealing with percentages and no vet can predict how a sesamoiditis radiograph finding will affect that individual horse. We can only predict what it is likely to do to the percentage of horses with that particular problem. It is often not a case of whether to buy the horse or not, but how the problem can be properly managed and whether that fits in with the buyer's needs. Bloodstock agents who are the most consistently successful will have in their team a vet who does not simply identify a problem, but categorises it."

He suggested that other factors should also be taken into consideration when weighing up a radiograph result, such as pedigree. Multiple winners in the top half of the page suggests intangible inherent qualities, such as courage and desire to win,

which could mean the horse has the ability to "run through the problem."

Berk also warned that over-zealous sales prepping often showed up to the detriment of the horse in radiographs and questioned whether surgery performed to "clean up" repository radiographs was always in the best interest of the horse. Young horses need to develop naturally and enforced confinement to a box, for recovery periods, can have an adverse effect on development.

### DR SCOTT PIERCE

Dr Scott Pierce continued the theme of sales examinations when questioning the value of endoscopy in foals and yearlings. He pointed out the structural and functional differences between the airways of an immature horse and that of an adult horse.

Other factors can also affect an endoscopy, such as the means of restraint and position of head and neck. "Relaxation is the key to an accurate examination," Pierce advised. "Some scope better twitched, or with a lip chain, or no additional restraint. It's a matter of finding out which method best suits the individual and that will have a bearing on the endoscope."

This highlighted the limitations of endoscopy, as well as the limitations of carrying out an endoscopy on a horse at rest, which often fails to detect problems that can arise in exercise. In addition, Pierce found that many of what he considered to be poor scopes that would have a detrimental effect on performance were acceptable in the conditions of sale, and he recommended a change to the relevant conditions.



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Pierce concluded by revealing the results of his research into the racing performances of 6,211 yearlings he had scoped at the sales. Taking racecourse earnings, Listed and Graded performance, and results at two, three and four years, he found that scopes graded at I and IIa presented no problem to performance and those with Grade IIb scopes also performed well, but had a six-times less chance of winning a Gr.1. Grade III scopes, however, performed poorly and few made it to the races. Similarly, epiglottis problems up to E0-E2 presented no problems in performance, but those with flaccid or short epiglottis did not perform as well.

### DR BRANDON VELIE

Moving on to genetics, Dr Brandon Velie pointed out that DNA technology can be used in a variety of ways and not merely the enhancement of performance. Examples include the verification of parentage, fertility, the monitoring and reduction of inbreeding and the prevention of genetic defects and disease. It was his hope that genetics could be used for the benefit of the health and welfare of the horse. "It's about bettering the breed as a whole and trying to eliminate a problem."

Velie pointed out that, based on data from the Australian thoroughbred population between 2006 and 2010, only 22% of foals born will go on to race for more than two years, the median career being 15 months and median number of starts 10. "We should use technology to make the horse more capable of competing, more durable, rather than faster or better," he suggested.

In explaining genetic profiling, Velie used, as an example, a project to determine if there was a relationship between the MC1R gene, responsible for the chestnut coat, and unfavourable responses to training. His team found chestnuts were no different to bays except in one category, their more ready inclination to approach new people or objects. This could be due to domestication, as bay was the only original colour in ancient breeds.

### PROFESSOR MAX ROTHSCHILD

Showing how genetic profiling can be put to good use, Professor Max Rothschild gave an in-depth presentation on the beneficial use made by the pig and cattle industries and compared this to the thoroughbred industry. He explained that many people confused genomics with GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms), and that mistake created a negative and anxious perception.

"Modern animal breeding and genetic improvement began around 85 years ago," Rothschild said, "With selection and mating systems and genetic evaluation based on phenotype, but horse breeders are the big exception – they have been doing this for over a 1,000 years, so they are ahead of the game."

The discovery of DNA was made 65 years ago and genetic sequencing and gene identification 15 years ago, so the technology has moved along rapidly, as well as becoming more accessible and affordable.

"Genotype and environment create the phenotype," said Rothschild. "Genotype is the unknown. For horse people, it's the pedigree and that's where DNA comes in. We have the ability to take information using genomics and add that to pedigree information. It's not just using genes on their own."

A genomic pedigree, laid out in the familiar way but showing colour-coded DNA traits instead of names, can work effectively alongside a traditional pedigree and accomplish closer matings for the desired outcome. He reminded breeders that not all predictions come true, they are predictions only "Taken on average, the results are right, but not always individually."

In being able to screen for recessive conditions and predict evaluated traits, the art of breeding gains an additional tool for the betterment of the breed. "People are worried that if they have just two or three mares, those will be eliminated, but in fact it's the opposite case – genetic sequencing might find stars within small herds."

Taking the lessons learned from other livestock industries, Rothschild concluded, "The accuracy of predictions depends greatly on the number of phenotypes measured, the heritability of traits and the number of animals and genomic product used for testing. The more information you have, the better the prediction."

"There will never be enough data. As you collect more data, predictions will change. The predictions we have now are based on the data we have now."

### CONCLUSION

The evening concluded with a live survey conducted among the audience of delegates, breeders and vets, which established that well over 80% were in favour of more standardised radiograph and endoscopy practices, a need to know more about inheritance of adverse traits in thoroughbreds and a means of monitoring the impact of new DNA technologies.

However, doubts still existed about DNA technology and its usage. 68% were in favour of a worldwide ban on retrospective access to the DNA held by registration authorities, even though this conflicts with a need to have greater information, and 74% were against sales companies providing links to DNA performance profiles in their catalogues.



## BREEDER OF THE YEAR

**“It was unexpected, but it was a real pleasure to win the 2015 NZ Breeder of the Year Award, but I can see the merit in it,” Hong Kong based breeder Dominic Li said.**

“It’s really a question of all the stars aligning in your favour. If you are lucky they do line up and if they don’t it’s not going to happen. When they really all line up, as they did for me in the last year, it’s amazing, but it could be a while before it repeats.”



**DOMINIC LI**

Li is the owner of IDL Breeding Limited who bred the two Australian Group One winners Volkstok’n’ Barrell(Tavistock-Volkster) and Suavito(Thorn Park[AUS]-Queen Cha Cha). IDL Limited is managed for him by Cambridge based Maryanne Simon, of Mana Park fame where the two stars were raised, and Li is quick to credit them with its success.

“George and Maryanne have been IDL racing and it wouldn’t exist without them and it’s certainly wouldn’t be where it is today,” he added.

Most of his working life Li has been involved with bloodstock. He was originally a bloodstock agent sourcing horses from Europe to race in Hong Kong, before moving to France to work in the racing industry.

“In 2001 I got a job at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, as the replacement for Simon Cooper when he moved to NZTR in New Zealand. Through that position one of my responsibilities was the annual sale of racehorses, and the New Zealand contingent of horses that the Jockey Club had were prepared by Maureen and Bruce Harvey and Maryanne was working for them”.

“We struck up a friendship and I started dealing direct with her. If you want to work in horses you always try to work with people you get along with and trust, and nobody can work in the horse business on their own, you have to have good people working with you”.

“I thought New Zealand seemed to me to be more attractive place to invest than Australia, and I used to love coming down when I worked for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, I think that the Karaka sales facility is one of the best in the world”.

“In 2005 I started coming down on my own and IDL was set up more as an entity to purchase yearlings and prepare them as proven horses for the Hong Kong market, or Australia and Singapore as well”.

“When I was based in Europe I had some experience with well-bred fillies that we would bring through racing and prepare for the US market from France, so I had a little bit of experience with seeing fillies pedigrees evolve. So I wasn’t opposed to buying fillies and in 2005 I bought one with good results. Since then I have been buying more fillies to race or sell or keep to breed. Every time we came down to New Zealand, and I was quite a regular visitor, Maryanne and I would discuss the purchases, it’s a good working relationship.

Queen Cha Cha was one of those fillies that Li bought as a yearling”.

“She was from the first crop of High Chaparral(IRE) and she was a very elegant filly. She was (ex Chablis[GB]) she was incidentally a half-sister to Pinot Grigio (O’Reilly) who I bought as well he was group placed and I sold him up to Hong Kong but he didn’t make any improvement on that in Hong Kong”.

“She was a lovely filly and we put her in training with Donna but she suffered chronic lameness, I decided to keep her as a breeding prospect and sent her to Thorn Park as a three-year-old and she had her first foal at four. That was Suavito and she was

leased to Australia, with an option to buy, she started performing quite early on and was potentially an Australian Oaks contender. They decided to exercise their right of purchase which was good for everyone.”

Suavito ran sixth in the Oaks, but it was as a four-year-old that she excelled, winning the Group One Futurity Stakes at Caulfield, the Group Two Momentum Energy Stakes and Blamey Stakes at Flemington and the Group Three Eliza Park International Stakes at Moonee Valley. She has now won seven races from 1200 metres to 2000 metres.

Queen Cha Cha’s second foal Our Drahma Queen, by Darci Brahma, was purchased by John Galvin for his Fortuna Bloodstock syndicates. According to Li the syndicate wanted a High Chaparral filly and a Darci Brahma filly and they decided to buy a Darci Brahma filly out of a High Chaparral mare instead.

Her third foal is a Bachelor Duke colt called Sultans of Swing and is owned by IDL and is on the verge of starting his racing career as a three-year-old.

“Queen Cha Cha missed a season and now has a yearling by Mastercraftsman(IRE) which was a foal share with Windsor Park, and was sold her as a weanling for \$160,000 to Bruce Perry Bloodstock. Now she is in foal to Ocean Park and will visit Charm Spirit(IRE).”

Volkstok’n’ Barrell had 10 starts as a three-year-old for six wins, one second and three thirds. His wins included the Group One Rosehill Guineas, the Group Two Great Northern Guineas, the Group Three Bonecrusher Stakes and the listed Karaka 3YO Stakes. He was second in the New Zealand Derby and third in the Australian Derby and Avondale Guineas.



**VOLKSTOK ‘N’ BARRELL WINS THE GROUP 1 2015 ROSEHILL GUINEAS**

Volkstok’n’barrell is Volkster’s ninth foal, and best performer. She is also the dam of Baron Orzcy (Rory’s Jester [AUS]) a winner of seven races, Silent Tornado (Fasliyev [USA]), three wins and Zidansky (Kempinsky[AUS]) also a winner who were all bred and raced in Australia. Li purchased Volkster when she was in foal to Thorn Park (AUS).

“We look for relatives of horses we have had success with and one of our early purchases was Le Baron (Golan – Dame of Mapperley), who we purchased at the Ready to Run sale and he showed a lot of potential early on. His three wins included the Group Two Great Northern Guineas, and the listed Great Northern Guineas prelude, on the back of that we bought Queen of Pop (Pins[AUS]) and she was stakes placed. It’s a useful family and then I saw Volkster for sale, she had had a few foals and they weren’t very memorable but she was in foal to Thorn Park, and we got a filly called Galaktika”.

“Galaktika won three races – two this winter and one in February. She is going to Tavistock this spring. We do what we like when it comes to matings, but luck is a huge factor, we remember more the results that are positive, but we don’t forget the negative results and make sure we don’t repeat them”.

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"We do put in the effort and try and lay down the foundation for something to happen. We laid the foundations when we purchased some fillies with interesting pedigrees. They were good individuals that were well related and that is our foundation".

"I only have four mares now, we lost Volkster in February, I tried to sell her in 2011 in foal to Tavistock but she didn't make the reserve, and last year before Volkstock'n'Barrell came on the scene, Maryanne tried to give her away".

"Maryanne deserves more credit than me. It's all down to her really. We discuss the matings and in the end I compromise and come up with an option that she will agree too. Every year we need a little bit of luck, we need individuals that are saleable and I need George and Maryanne to keep things balanced. It's a little bit of shame that we weren't one entity as we would have had three Group One winners with Turn Me Loose winning for Maryanne and George".

"What we do know is that we will keep calm and carry on and we won't be doing things any differently. We did what we thought was the best at the time and all credit to the people that handled the horses along the way right down to the jockeys in the last couple of minutes in a race".



**SUAVITO WINNING THE GROUP 1 FUTURITY STAKES**

"It's been 10 years in the making and I'm not sure that this is exactly what we had in mind in the beginning but it's great. We have had terrific success on the racing side, but nothing like the success we have experienced in the last 12 months," he enthused, "now the next target is to race a Group One winner in our own colours."

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## 2014-15 BROODMARE OF THE YEAR - PARFORE

**There are not that many mares in the Stud Book that have left three individual Group One winners, but Parfore (Gold Brose [AUS] - Twigg Moss[AUS]) the recipient of the 2015 NZ Broodmare of the Year Award is one of them.**

According to her owner Mike Ryan, it's a very select band worldwide, and he believes that this spring with Ball of Muscle performing in Australia that he could easily join the Group One winners Terravista, Tiger Tees and Super Easy and Parfore become the dam of four Group One winners.

Abu Dhabi based Ryan is immensely proud of the achievements of the Gold Brose mare that he purchased in New Zealand in 2004 on the advice of renowned bloodstock agent Paul Willetts.

At that stage she had two foals, a colt and a filly by Generous(IRE) and was in foal to Faltaat(USA).

"Paul saw the potential in the family and just to give the mare a chance he went back to Karaka and bought the second foal the colt by Generous, but all the subsequent matings have been down to me," Mike Ryan said.

Parfore won one race, she is out of the stakes winning Twigg Moss(FR) mare Classy Twiggy (AUS). Nishaani is an unraced full sister to Parfore and she has also left the champion two-year-old filly Il Quello Veloce and her stakes winning sister Donna Cattiva. Another sister Golden Sparkle has produced the Group Three Concorde winner Mosse (O'Reilly).

The first foal by Generous was Ininthree winner of two races; the second colt that Ryan purchased was named Our Lukas after his son, and went on to win 12 races, five of them Listed including the Ipswich Cup twice, and was Group Three placed.

"The Faltaat mating produced a small colt foal, quite late in the season, she always seems to go about two to three weeks over, and we tried to mate her with Montjeu before he went back but she missed. The Faltaat turned out to be quite a handy horse in Our Boy Lukas who has won nine races and over \$200,000 in Victoria".

"Stravinsky (USA) was running hot and in demand so her next mating was to him and she returned to Australia in and produced a filly which was sold to Patinack Farm at the Magic Millions for \$150,000. That filly raced as Frustrating and won two races before going to stud".

"I had seen Dubawi win a race at Newmarket and thought he was a magnificent looking horse; I hoped that he would come to stud down here, so when he did I sent Parfore to him. That foal is Tiger Tees I sold him privately and he has won 13 races and over \$1million out of Joe Pride's stable in Sydney."

Now an eight-year-old Tiger Tees has won the Group One ATC Galaxy Handicap, the Group Two Warwick Stakes, three Group Three races and a Listed race for good measure.

It was while in foal to Dubawi that Parfore returned to New Zealand to be mated with Darci Brahma, coincidentally it was just before El struck and she was forced to stay in New Zealand at Wentwood Grange for two seasons.

The mating to Darci Brahma produced a strapping bay colt that was to be sold at Karaka – only the second of the foals that Ryan has bred out of the mare that have been through the sales ring as most have been sold privately- he was purchased by Michael Wallace for Michael Freedman in Singapore.

As Super Easy he won 15 races, 11 on end as a three-year-old including the Singapore Guineas, and the Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic, he came back as a four-year-old and won the Lion City Cup and the Patron's Bowl and the Jumbo Jet Trophy before returning to New Zealand to stand at Hallmark Stud in Te Kauwhata. His first foals are now yearlings.

When Parfore returned the following year to Australia she was



**PARFORE AND HER YEARLING FILLY BY DARCI BRAHMA**

in foal to Captain Rio(GB) carrying a three-quarter brother to the Champion two-year-old filly Il Quello Veloce. Named Terravista he was also sold privately to some colleagues of Ryan's and joined the Pride stable in Sydney as well.

Now a six-year-old, he has won 9 races and last season he was rated in the top of the World Thoroughbred Rankings for a Sprinter after a sensational win in the Group One Darley Classic at Flemington. Also during his five-year-old season he won the Group Two Shorts Handicap and the Group Three Southern Cross Stakes both at Randwick and was Group One placed in the T.J. Smith Stakes and the Newmarket Handicap. The season prior to that he won the Group Three Liverpool City Cup and the Group Three Show County Handicap.

Following that foal Parfore returned to Dubawi and produced another colt, Ball of Muscle who was sold privately to some of the partners of Tiger Tees and joined his siblings at Joe Pride's stable.

He is the winner of eight races and last season won the Group Two Magic Millions Cup at Doomben, and the Listed Takeover Target Stakes at Gosford. He has also been placed at Group Two level and resumed in Sydney recently running third in the Group Three Concorde Stakes. He has yet to compete at Group One level, but his connections are hopeful that he will get there this spring.

Following Ball of Muscle, Parfore was not served and returned to Wentwood Grange and the following season was mated with Zabeel and produced a colt.

"The Zabeel colt is called Balestroid and is in work with Peter and Paul Snowden. He's a magnificent individual, he ticks all the boxes. Parfore doesn't usually throw early horses, and he has trialled quicker than any of her other progeny, he will have another trial in this spring and then probably go out for a break," enthused Ryan.

"We plan to keep him as a colt, so it would be nice to be able to win a decent race with him and stand him as a stallion, he is one of the most athletic Zabeels that I have seen. So far he is has been pretty quiet and is making good progress. He is the only one that I have kept a colt. Temperament wise the others couldn't stay colts and race the way they have. So fingers crossed."

Parfore was not served after foaling to Zabeel but the next season went back to Darci Brahma and produced a full sister to Super Easy before being mated with Rip Van Winkle(IRE).

"We have the Darci Brahma filly at Wentwood Grange and Des (Hawkins) reckons of all of Parfore's foals that she is the pick of them. He is very upbeat about her, he is still thrilled with her. She will remain in New Zealand until she is broken in next year and will go to Australia about April to join the stable of Peter and Paul Snowden, and that will be the end of our thoroughbreds in New Zealand for the time being".

"Basically Christine and I have made the decision that we are not going back to Australia when we leave the UAE and we are moving permanently to Switzerland next June. We came to Abu Dhabi for two years and have been here seven and a half. We always thought we would go back but things change.

"We have been granted residency and have enrolled Lukas at school in Oberland so have decided to consolidate our bloodstock interests and home both our mares to Segenhoe Stud in the Hunter Valley".

"Parfore is just turning 18 years of age you never know what the future holds, she is happy at Segenhoe. We saw her there a couple of months ago, actually it was the first time Lukas had seen her. We had her sex tested before she left New Zealand in May. We are hopeful that her upcoming colt foal by RipVanWinkle will be like her other colts. All going well she will visit Sepoy(AUS) this spring, but she tends to go nearly 12 months and often she has missed a year because of her late foaling, but now at her age

it's probably best just to get her back in foal, but we will be guided by her".

"Our other mare Laravissante (O'Reilly- Mur de Sud[IRE]) was also sourced by Paul Willetts, she is at Segenhoe as well and is in foal to Epaulette (AUS), her Rothesay gelding Oberland has had one win from one start for us in New South Wales.

"I have always thought New Zealand was the best place to grow horses out, and history speaks for itself. The Hawkins family have done a wonderful job with my horses and are a wonderful family, that's a very big help when you are on the other side of the world. I have made some really good friends in New Zealand and now Parfore will always be remembered there."

## 2016 NZB INSURANCE PEARL BONUS SCHEME

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*Pukekohe Park trainer Richard Collett is fast becoming a fan of the NZ Bloodstock Insurance Pearl Bonus Series after Ventura (Iffraaj[GB]-Newgrange) won her second bonus in four starts.*

*"She has certainly got herself on the right side of the ledger," enthused Collett a member of the Auckland Branch of the NZTBA.*

*"I think it's massive, this horse has had similar financial returns as if she was racing in the city in Australia. Winning that \$20,000 bonus at Otaki added to the \$15,000 that she picked up as the winner from the \$25,000 stake, is equivalent to winning a Listed race here in New Zealand. And she's only just won a maiden and a rating 65".*

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## IRD DISCUSSION UPDATE

**Discussions with the IRD have been continuing and we are close to reaching a final understanding of the IRDs position on some key bloodstock taxation issues.**

We anticipate receiving the IRDs views in November. We will then be in a position to consider their views and to identify those areas where it is appropriate to raise any matters with the Ministers of Racing and Revenue. This outcome is likely in the event that the interpretation by the IRD is inconsistent with our understanding of the original policy intent, or has the potential to have a detrimental effect on the industry. A key area is the tax treatment of new entrants into the industry.

If you have any questions about these changes, contact Rob Braithwaite (07 838 0036 or [rob.b@bpca.co.nz](mailto:rob.b@bpca.co.nz))



NZTBA's tax advisor Rob Braithwaite now operates as Braithwaite and Pearks Limited. Rob continues to work closely with John Aubrey on tax issues relating to the industry.

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## SERIOUS SATIRE FIRES FOR OWNERS DAVID AND ANGELA PAYKEL

**The winner of the group three Gold Trail Stakes, Serious Satire (More Than Ready [USA] - Zarzuela) is shaping up to be one serious racehorse.**

At only her third start she blitzed a strong field of well performed three-year-old fillies, to beat the well performed Serena Miss by a half a length.

She commenced her racing career in June on a very heavy track at Avondale and finished a very game second, and returned to the track at Hastings on Makfi Challenge Stakes day to easily win a special conditions three-year-old, before her success in the Gold Trail.

Serious Satire is raced by her breeder David Paykel and his wife Angela. He also bred and raced her mother Zarzuela.

"She is a very exciting filly and we were thrilled with the fabulous win," enthused Paykel a member of the Auckland branch of the NZTBA.

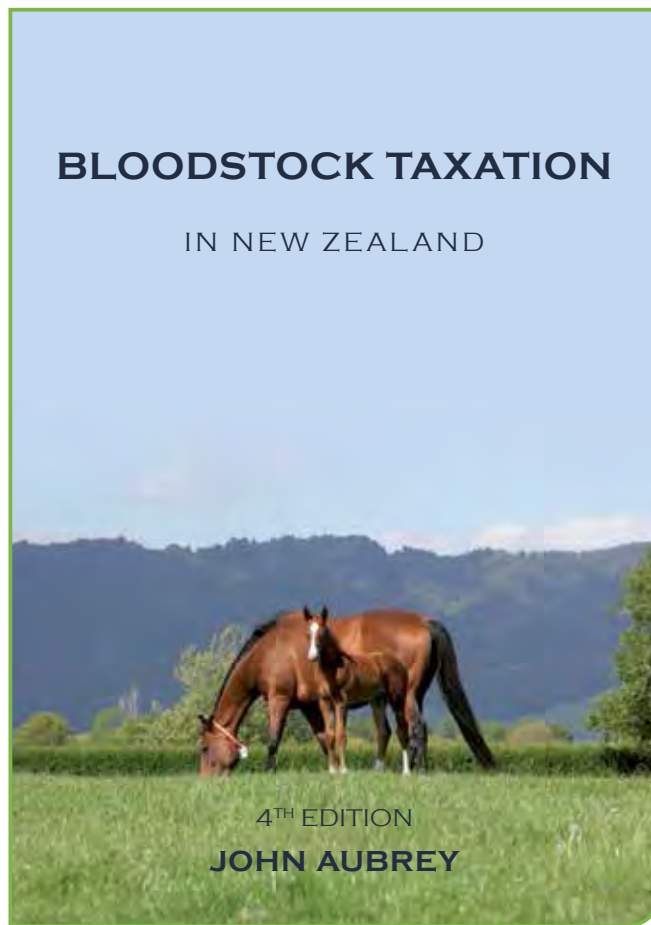
Serious Satire is the second foal of the Zabeel stakes winning mare Zarzuela. As a three-year-old Zarzuela won the group two ARC Championship Stakes, Great Northern Guineas and the Herbie Dyke Waikato Guineas, before running fourth in the New Zealand Derby and third in the New Zealand Oaks.

Her first foal by Redoute's Choice (AUS), Tabreek colt was

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purchased by Angus Gold and went to South Africa and won easily at his first start. He had a few things go amiss, and it is hoped that he might make a comeback now as a four-year-old.

The next mating was with the Southern Halo (USA) sire More Than Ready(USA).

"I just felt that he was going so well, and was underrated at that stage, I discussed it with Michael Otto and he thought it would be good to get a bit more speed into the pedigree and you would have to say it has had the desired result," added Paykel.

Her next mating was with Fastnet Rock (AUS) and that colt sold for \$700,000 at the Sydney Easter sale this year to Boomer Bloodstock. She returned to Fastnet Rock and on September 2nd produced another lovely big colt, at Willow Park in Scone, where all Paykel's mare reside during the breeding season. After they have foaled and been mated they return to Trelawney Stud in Cambridge.

Zarzuela is currently under service to Exceed and Excel(AUS).

"I am hoping for a filly and I will probably keep that too, I kept Serious Satire as an insurance if I lost the mare, and I sold the grandam Star Satire after she produced Zarzuela.

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Zarzuela is a half-sister to Satin Shoes (Flying Spur[AUS]) whose six wins included the group two ATC Silver Slipper Stakes. Their dam Star Satire(Volksraad[IRE]) was the Champion three-year-old filly of her year, winner of the group one Otaki WFA Stakes and four other races.

This family has also recently produced the CJC Stewards winner Soubrettes and the listed stakes winner Shoboard.

Star Satire is out of the Kapstaad mare Satirical who was a half-sister to the stakes winners Silver Nymph, Silver Wraith and Silverello. Another half-sister produced the group one winner Ray's Hope and Star Defence.

"She was a lovely individual not completely correct in front, and she did have a periosteal strip. She's been everywhere and I think that has helped her cope. She accepts everything nothing phases her, we had to be patient with her."

"Darren Weatherly broke her in, then she returned to Trelawney, after that she spent some time at with Russell Rogers on the water walker, before going back to Trelawney. Last summer she spent a few months with Catherine Cleghorn on the beach at Waiuku, before another spell at Trelawney and on to Mark Brooks for pre-training then finally ending up at Stephen Marsh's.

"We have our sights set on the 1000 Guineas, with maybe a start in the Sarten Memorial on Labour Day on the way. I just hope she can get through all those races and carry on."

Paykel currently has four mares that he breeds from and they are all mated in Australia, including Alzira (Bertolini (IRE)- Alacrity), who has just produced a filly to Medaglia d'Oro, and will visit Shooting to Win(AUS).

"She is the only filly I got out of Alacrity, and she won a race at Matamata but the race was cancelled, she never raced again."

David Paykel grew up in one of New Zealand's foremost business and breeding families. His father Maurice and Uncle Sir Woolf Fishe established Fisher and Paykel. Maurice enjoyed success as an owner and breeder in partnership with his good friend Bob Morris of Cambridge, while Sir Woolf and Lady Fisher (nee Joyce Paykel) established the iconic Ra Ora Stud. It seemed a natural sequence of events that David would follow their footsteps.

However after a few disastrous attempts in the 60's he gave up breeding horses until the 90's when he decided to get a little serious about it again, and purchased Daybreak Lover (AUS)(Duke Ellington [IRE] -Good Exchange [AUS]) in foal to Grosvenor and that foal was Alacrity.

Alacrity, the 1996 Filly of the Year both here and in Australia, won five races including the Group One New Zealand Oaks and the Group Two Sir Tristram Classic.

"She was probably the best foal I bred out of Daybreak Express. I also bred from Alacrity and she in turn only had four live foals before she died, leaving a group two winner in Pendragon."

"After my success racing Alacrity I bought Star Satire (Volksraad -Satirical) for \$130,000 from the Karaka Premier draft of Windsor Park Stud. She won five races for me including Group One Otaki-Maori Weight-for-age. She was retired to stud after being galloped on in the Group One New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes,," he recalled.

However the dynasty of Star Satire lives on and a group one winner could soon be added to her family.



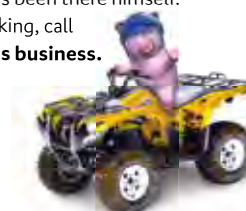
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**"Our condolences go out to Waikato Stud who lost No Excuse Needed (USA) as a result of a paddock accident in September. He was 17.**

**No Excuse Needed sired 208 winners from 353 runners in Australasia and Asia, and provided some great thrills for the team at Waikato Stud.**



## END OF AN ERA AT CAMBRIDGE STUD



**A remarkable era in New Zealand thoroughbred breeding history has ended with the death of the champion stallion Zabeel.**

The son of another great sire in Sir Tristram, Zabeel passed away peacefully in September in the paddock he occupied at Cambridge Stud since 1991.

"What a loss for Sir Patrick and the team at Cambridge Stud, it must be a very sad day for them and our

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thoughts are with them," stated NZTBA President John Fokerd at the time of his death.

"Zabeel produced a lot of outstanding horses and we will miss him, he was a leader of his time and a great replacement for his father Sir Tristram. He certainly kept the flag flying for the New Zealand breeding industry, and hopefully his sons will do the same.

"His impact on the thoroughbred industry in Australasia in his life time was phenomenal and we were lucky to have him standing in New Zealand and keeping our industry firmly on the map."

An emotional Sir Patrick Hogan announced Zabeel's passing.

"Cambridge Stud is sad to report that Zabeel passed away peacefully in his paddock. The sire already of 44 Group One champions, Zabeel was 29 years old.

"He was a sire who excelled at the very highest level and was able to carry on where his own great sire Sir Tristram had left off.

"Zabeel contributed to the thoroughbred industry and excelled above all expectations and having enjoyed his retirement for the past few years he will be sadly missed by all here at Cambridge Stud.

"He will be buried alongside his sire Sir Tristram in the very same tradition, with his tail facing the sunrise and his head facing the sunset.

"Zabeel gave so many people though his progeny the greatest thrill of winning so many races at the highest level. He surpassed all stallions that have come before him, past and present in New Zealand. Four Cox Plates and three Melbourne Cups – what more can you say?"

Zabeel's 44 Group One winners – one less than his father Sir Tristram – included the Melbourne Cup winners Might And Power, Jezabeel and Efficient. Might And Power also won the Caulfield Cup and the Cox Plate, and the latter race was also claimed by the Zabeel progeny Octagonal, Savabeel and Maldivian.

To his credit he has a host of titles includes champion Australian sire twice, champion New Zealand sire four times, champion Dewar (New Zealand and Australia)

stallion 15 times, and champion Australian broodmare sire and New Zealand broodmare sire three times each.

His Cox Plate winning son Savabeel is leading the way as a sire for the next generation established by Sir Tristram, having taken his first New Zealand premiership in 2014-15 and compiling a progeny record headed by 10 Group One winners. Zabeel's sire sons also include Reset (30 SW), Octagonal (25 SW) and Don Eduardo (10 SW).

The New Zealand thoroughbred breeding industry joins with Sir Patrick Hogan in saying.

"A big thank you from us all and God bless, rest in peace."

## BENJI KING

**Benji King completes the 2015 Sunline Trust International Management Scholarship**

Benji King has recently returned to New Zealand following the final leg of his trip at Taylor Made Farm and the Keeneland Sales.

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The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (the HSW Act), which has replaced the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, (the HSE Act), was passed into law on 4 September 2015.

Parts of the HSW Act relating to regulations came into force on that day; however the majority of the HSW Act will come into force on 4 April 2016.

Please refer to our website for further information from early November, [www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz](http://www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz)



## FERTCO DIARY



By Arthur Payze BSc, Fertco Consultant Waikato

**After a cold, dry, hot, cold and now wet few months there's finally quite a bit of silage being baled; this will be needed if we get another extended dry summer.**

The feed that's been grown and eaten or conserved as baleage or hay has taken nutrients from the soil which needs replacing or fertility will decline and overall productivity will diminish; weeds and poorer producing species will begin to increase again. This will not happen overnight of course; nothing in the soil happens very quickly, except the mineralization of nitrogen after an extended dry period.

It's always good policy to put a bit extra back on those hay and silage paddocks and we have a brew to suit, Fertco Hay & Silage mix. If you don't get around to this before Xmas and it dries out a bit, be sure to give those paddocks a heavier dressing in the autumn. I've been on many drystock farms over the years and the hay paddocks always have the most flat weeds and the least ryegrass; if it's real bad try spraying these paddocks with 24D or Pasture Boss in the winter and you'll be impressed with the extra bales you get in the spring.

A soil test on these long term hay paddocks is good policy, especially to check the potassium levels; this needs to be done before the soil dries out too much or you'll get a false (high) result and think everything's hunky dory when it's not.

If you are thinking about re-grassing a few paddocks in the autumn it is worth planning this now with a soil test to determine lime and capital fertiliser requirements. If the soil pH is low then the lime should be applied now to give it time to dissolve and the pH to rise.

If the plan is to go grass to grass, then regular hard grazing of these paddocks from now on will reduce weed seeding over the summer; cattle and sheep (if available) can be used effectively for this (don't forget the eczema control). Now is also a good time for pasture herbage analysis to determine macro nutrient and trace element concentrations; particularly copper, cobalt and selenium.

I'd like to wish everyone a very merry and safe Xmas and good fortune at the 2015 yearling sales for those preparing horses now.

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## A NEWLY APPOINTED NZTBA COUNCIL

**The NZTBA's Annual General Meeting was held in July in Cambridge. Elections were held for the new Council following the retirement of John O'Brien and Murray Brenton-Rule, both from the Central Region. We are delighted to welcome two new Central Region Councillors, Libby Bleakley and Jo Griffin.**

Libby along with her husband Sam, own and operate Highden Park, an independent equine facility that specialises in broodmare care and sales preparation based 15 minutes out of Palmerston North. She was a student of the 2006 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Sunline Trust Management Scholarship. Libby brings her wealth of breeding knowledge to our members.

Jo and her husband Greg operate Lime Country Thoroughbreds in Hastings on the property famous as the Lowry family's Okawa Stud. Lime Country has established a firm niche in sales preparation, agistment, pre-training and breaking. They also stand the young stallion Niagara (Encosta de Lago (AUS)/River Song (AUS)).

Jo has previously worked in a marketing role at NZTR and is looking forward to her role as a NZTBA Councillor.

John Fokerd was re-elected as President and Treasurer and Mark Chitty re-elected as Vice President.

John Thompson, John Fokerd, Vicki Pascoe and Mark Chitty remain as the Executive Committee.

John Thompson was re-elected as the NZTBA representative on the NZTBA's New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing Board for a further 2 years.

### **The Council for 2015/16 is as follows:-**

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