



O'REILLY – BOOK FULL

weekend@waikato

O'REILLY - BOOK FULL

Off the back of another great year, the '**Full Book**' sign has been posted for New Zealand's Champion sire, **O'Reilly**.

"Waikato Stud is in a very fortunate position to have a number of proven stallions in the very top echelon and to be able to now announce closed 2012 books for both Savabeel and O'Reilly," said Waikato Stud boss, Mark Chittick.



"O'Reilly is at a stage where we will look after him from now on and we have now reached sufficient numbers for him this season."

"He had another outstanding season in 2011/12, with breeders once again recognising the value of his proven record with strong support."

To this end, **O'Reilly** joined a rarefied group of just 10 other stallions in NZ history to exceed **50** Stakes Winners in 2011/12 - escalating this count to **56** before the term was out.

The season also saw him awarded **New Zealand's Champion** sire for the second time and with the superb assistance of the Gr.1 NZ Derby heroine **Silent Achiever**, he was honoured as **New Zealand's Champion NZ 3YO** sire for a third time.

Earlier accolades enjoyed by charismatic sire include two distinctions as **Hong Kong's Champion** sire and a **Centaine Award** for global earnings.

A consistent producer of topline gallopers, **O'Reilly** currently counts the **12 Gr.1** stars: **Silent Achiever, Shamrock, Alamosa, The Jewel, Final Destination, Maco'Reilly, Guyno, Swick, Master O'Reilly, Fellowship, Arenti** and **Lim's Objective**.

Remarkably, with repeat **Centaine Awards** (global earnings) and the two-time '**Hong Kong Horse of the Year**' **Ambitious Dragon** serving as his 2011/12 headline act, it follows suit that associate sire **Pins** could well have some news of his own in the days ahead.

"With his Centaine Award achievement and eight individual stakes winners last season alone, Pins won't be too far away," said Mark.

YOUTUBE: KIWI BRED SHOW



For those who missed Waikato's segments on NZ's brand new Trackside show **Kiwi Bred**, you can now check those out along with our 2012 stallion commercials on our YouTube account..

[Click here to see](#)



WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY		
JUSTANEXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	Waikato RC Gr.3 Foxbridge Plate (1200m)	3:36pm
SUNDAY		
HAMMER DOWN 07g O'Reilly x Our Prized Rose by Prized	Singapore TC Sgp-3 Woodlands Hcp (1200m)	9:25pm
SPEEDY CAT 08g Scaredee Cat x Lane Cove by Magic of Sydney	Singapore TC Sgp-3 Woodlands Hcp (1200m)	9:25pm

O'REILLY COLT TOPS SALE

O'Reilly provided the star lot at **New Zealand Bloodstock's South Island Sale** last Friday. The two-year-old realised the top price of the auction when he was knocked down for \$145,000.

Bred by Michael House and Sheldon Murtha's Top of the Trots Ltd, the colt is a brother to the triple stakes winning filly and 2006 **NZ Bloodstock Southern Filly of the Year Ombre Rose** and half-brother to 10-time Australian winner **Crabs** (Danasinga). The hammer came down to the bid of Mr NC Chan, of Hong Kong, and the strength of the dam side was one of the features that drew him to the two-year-old.

"I liked this colt because the dam line is very strong and his sire O'Reilly is a very successful stallion in Hong Kong," he said.

"He will be pre-trained in New Zealand for a year but I haven't decided where yet and, depending on how he develops, I intend to send him to Hong Kong. I will be my first season with a permit in Hong Kong so I have come here to buy a few horses and I will take the best up to Hong Kong next year."

STAR PATH FOR PUSSY O'REILLY

The exciting **O'Reilly** 3YO **Pussy Willow** is set to follow a black-type path known all too well by trainer Stephen McKee.



Just like the successful 3YO path he and father Trevor mapped out for the mighty **Sunline**, promising stable star **Pussy Willow** will target Sydney's:

- **Gr.2 Furious Stakes (3YOF, 1400m)** on September 8,
- **Gr.2 Tea Rose Stakes (3YOF, 1500m)** on September 22;&
- **Gr.1 Flight Stakes (3YOF, 1600m)** on October 6

Pussy Willow has won both of her career starts, with one of these coming in scintillating fashion in the **Gr.2 WRC Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1200m)**.

McKee told the AAP that the filly, who is raced by Sir Patrick Hogan and

Peter Walker, had similar personality traits to **Sunline**.

"She's a hard case. She's quite stropy and wants to do what she wants to do," he said.

"She's strong and very tough."

SHAMROCKER RETIRED

The history making **O'Reilly** filly **Shamrock** was retired this week.

Bred by Vern and Margaret Trillo, **Shamrock** announced her black-type ability at two with success in the **Gr.2 VRC Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m)** for her thrilled owners Raffles Farm (Mgr Bruce Sherwin) Jeff Dimery, Ken Woolley, Andrew Smith, Chris Wylie, Joel Hitt, Ryan Callister and Sam Larkey.

The Danny O'Brien-conditioned galloper redrafted Australia's history books at three, becoming the first ever filly to land the **G1 Australian Guineas (1600m) – G1 Australian Derby (2400m)** double.

Unfortunately, **Shamrock** was plagued by a hindquarter injury last Spring – an injury which subsequently forced her retirement.

Shamrock retires with a record of four wins from 18 starts and with A\$1,975,888 in earnings.



MARK'S MAIL



It's been a massive week for **O'Reilly** - what with his book being closed, his son topping the South Island Sale, the retirement of **Shamrock** and with the exciting path ahead penned for **Pussy Willow**.

We've got the **Waikato Stud** sponsored **Gr.3 Foxbridge Plate** at Te Rapa this weekend. There's a lot to like about friends Wes van der Scheer and John and Mike's Gilbert's horse **Xanadu** – the equal \$5 fixed odds favourite, but I am going to lean towards the \$16 **No Excuse Needed** fancy **Justanexcuse**.

Yes his draw is no good (16), but like the TAB say, he's more than capable of taking this out.

Tip of the Week : Justanexcuse (No Excuse Needed) – Saturday – Gr.3 Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate - Te Rapa – 3:36pm





WWW.WAIKATOSTUD.COM



[WS SIRED RUNNERS](#)