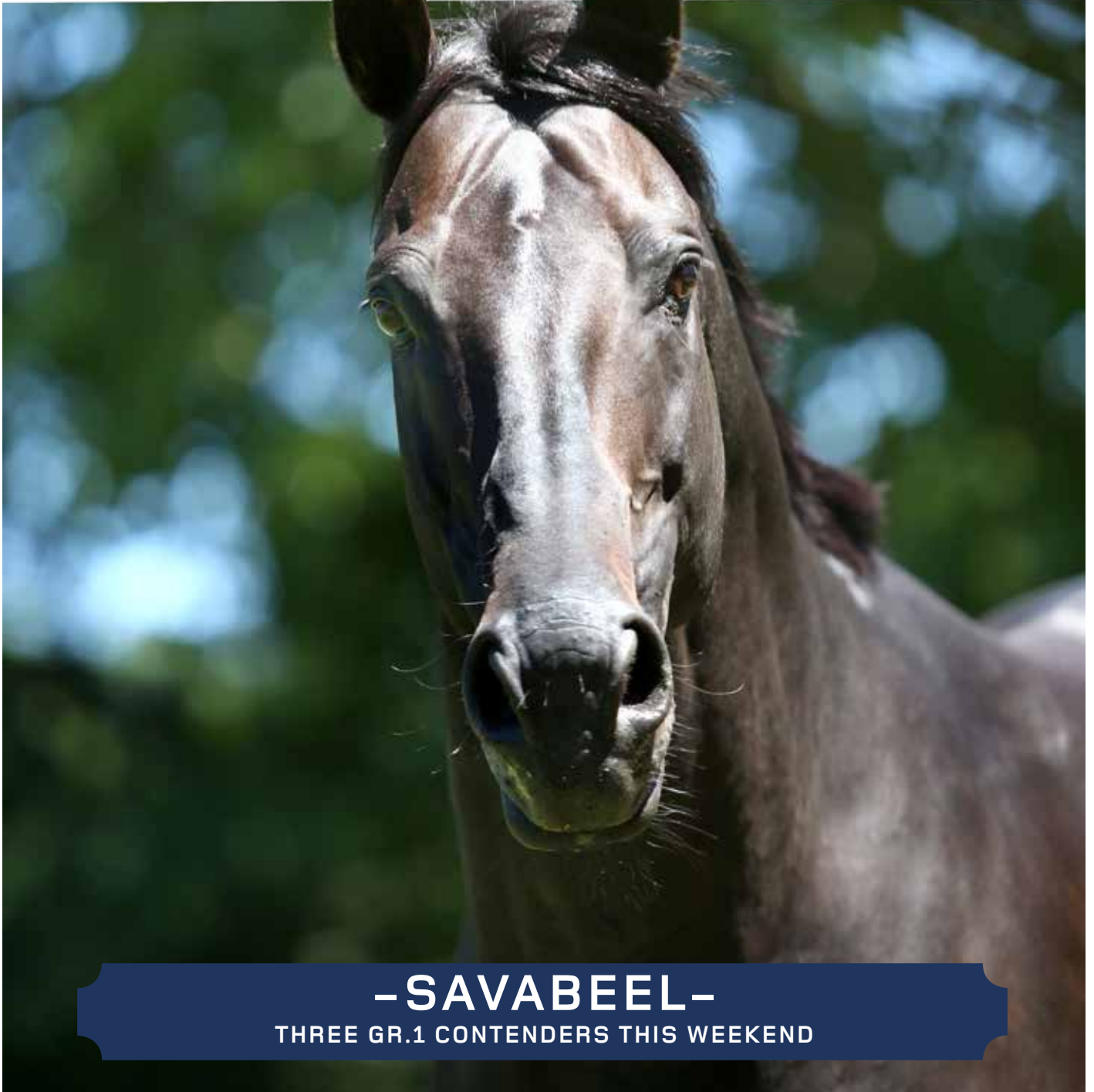


Weekend @ Waikato

12 May 2017



- SAVABEEL - THREE GR.1 CONTENDERS THIS WEEKEND

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

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PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

- Andy Williams

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS

- Garry's Corner
- Mark's Mail

STAKES RUNNERS

SATURDAY

HOLBROOK 14g
Ocean Park - Zigalong
Gr.2 Champagne Classic 1200m
BRC, 4:06pm (NZT)

BILLY THE KID 13g
Savabeel - Monaliesha
Listed Queensland Day Plate 1350m
BRC, 4:46pm (NZT)

HALL OF FAME 13c
Savabeel - Around the Clock
Listed Queensland Day Plate 1350m
BRC, 4:46pm (NZT)

KAISER FRANZ 10g
Savabeel - Call Me Lily
Gr.3 Chairman's Hcp 2000m
BRC, 5:26pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH 11f
Savabeel - Trocair
Gr.3 Dark Jewel Classic 1400m
Scone, 5:50pm (NZT)

BOUCHARD 13f
Savabeel - Melodious
Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate 2000m
BRC, 6:39pm (NZT)

SAVVY DREAMS 13f
Savabeel - Elusive Dreams
Gr.1 South Australian Derby 2000m
SAJC, 6:55pm (NZT)

GRAND CHANCELLOR 13f
Savabeel - Mont Fay
Gr.1 South Australian Derby 2000m
SAJC, 6:55pm (NZT)

SUNDAY

WAR AFFAIR 10g
O'Reilly - Kristique
Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes 1400m
Singapore, 7:55pm (NZT)

MR EXCHEQUER 13g
Savabeel - Apollo Treasure
Sgp-1 Singapore Guineas 1600m
Singapore, 9:00pm (NZT)

[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THE WS-SIRED RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND](#)

WEANLING SALE HIGHLIGHTS



SACRED FALLS

SACRED FALLS WAS DISTINGUISHED AS THE LEADING FIRST SEASON SIRE AT KARAKA'S WEANLING SALE EARLIER THIS WEEK.

Sacred Falls was best represented by Dan Myers' colt ex Apollo's Pride (pictured above), who sold to Hallmark Stud for \$100,000.

SAVABEEL

CHAMPION SIRE SAVABEEL CLAIMED THE TITLE OF LEADING SIRE AT THE WEANLING SALE.

Savabeel had the four weanlings on offer, with the stand out of these being his son ex Avisto who Curraghmore Stud sold to Andrew Williams Bloodstock for \$170,000.



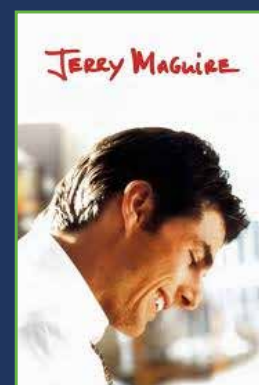
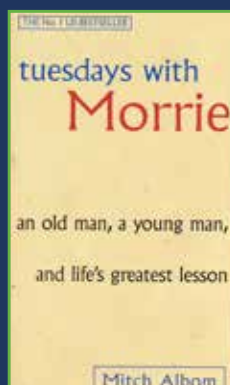
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WITH SYDNEY BLOODSTOCK AGENT,
ANDREW WILLIAMS



- OCCUPATION TITLE** Agent based out of Sydney
- BEST HORSES INVOLVED WITH?** Chautauqua and Grace Hall (Grade 1 filly in the US)
- GREATEST THRILL IN RACING?** Chautauqua's win this year's TJ Smith was heroic!
- HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?** I spent my early life in Matamata. What chance did I have?
- WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO NOW?** Trading cattle & wine - both have so many similarities to the horse business.
- WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?** Family, friends, cattle & wine
- WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS?** Recently starting my own business has been phenomenal! Darley Flying Start was fantastic personal development for me personally.
- WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN'T RESIST?** A horse sale
- WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES?** Live bodily. Push yourself.
- NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD ENJOY INVITING TO DINNER?** Any three mates in &/or outside of the racing industry. Can we also make it a long lunch too?
- WHO WERE YOUR CHILDHOOD HEROES?** DJ O'Sullivan and Alan Jones (trainer of Alynda)
- WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?** Run.
- WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE READ?** Tuesdays with Morrie, written by Mitch Albom
- WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE TRAVELED TO?** Lexington, Kentucky.
- FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?** The WS branding could be the best in the business world over. Hospitality is world class too.
- FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER?** Jerry Maguire
- WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?** Anything directed by Guy Ritchie (Snatch & Lock, Stock and two Smoking Barrels)
- WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?** The piggy bank is building for a cattle farm back in NZ one day



HORSES TO HAVE FOLLOWED...



PINS

CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE

Ambitious Dragon's 3YO brother debuted for success in Singapore for Michael Clements last Friday.



SAVABEEL

SO SPLENDID

3YO filly gave rise to a possible Queensland Oaks tilt with Saturday win at Newcastle for Chris Waller.



O'REILLY

BONNY O'REILLY

4YO mare took record to 5 from 7 for Bjorn Baker at Rosehill last Saturday. Queensland Carnival beckons.



O'REILLY

TRACEY'S STAR

4yo colt struck win 2 from start 4 for Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young at Pakenham last Sunday.



SAVABEEL

OUYANG FENG

2YO colt won on debut at Pakenham for Mick Price yesterday. Was labeled a potential Caulfield Guineas type.



REDOUTE'S CHOICE

ARDROSSAN

WS part-owned 2YO colt went 2 from 2 in Listed Waikato Vet Stakes for Stephen Marsh. Flew to Mick Price yard on Wed.

HORSES TO FOLLOW...



OCEAN PARK

HOLBROOK

Takes aim at the Gr.2 Champagne Classic at Doomben for Scott Morrisey on Saturday.



SAVABEEL

SHILLELAGH

Last start Gr.3 winner sets out for Chris Waller in Saturday's Gr.3 Dark Jewel Classic at Scone.



O'REILLY

WAR AFFAIR

Makes racing return for Bruce Marsh in Sunday's Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes in Singapore.



SAVABEEL

HALL OF FAME

Gr.1 winning 3YO colt takes aim at the Listed Queensland Day Plate for Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards.



SAVABEEL

SAVVY DREAMS

3YO filly takes on the boys in the Gr.1 SAJC Derby tomorrow for Grant Cullen and Guy Lowry.



SAVABEEL

GRAND CHANCELLOR

Listed winning 3YO colt sets sail in Gr.1 SAJC Derby on Sat for Phillip Stokes

WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE...



MR EXCHEQUER



CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE



CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE



SO SPLENDID



HALL OF FAME



BONNY O'REILLY



TRACEY'S STAR



SO SPLENDID



HOLBROOK

STALLION OF THE WEEK...

Ocean Park

5X G1 WINNING, COX
PLATE CHAMPION

3 TRIAL WINNERS THIS
WEEK

1 AUSTRALIAN STAKES
RUNNER SATURDAY



MARE OF THE WEEK...

Golden Gamble

PAT & JANE LOWRY'S SUPERB MARE GOLDEN GAMBLE WAS BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK.

ALREADY DISTINGUISHED AS THE DAM OF FORMER HONG KONG CHAMPION AMBITIOUS DRAGON, GOLDEN GAMBLE REASSERTED HERSELF THIS WEEK AS THE DAM OF THE SMART SINGAPORE DEBUT WINNER CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE AND OF HONG KONG WINNER PACKING DRAGON.

BREEDING: Oregon - Gilding by Noble Bijou

RACE RECORD: Unraced.

PRODUCE RECORD: Dam of seven named foals, six winners:

2005 **Addicted** (f by No Excuse Needed (GB)). Winner at 1400m

2006 **AMBITIOUS DRAGON** (g by Pins). Horse of the Year in Hong Kong in 2010-11 & 2011-12. Champion Middle Distance Horse in Hong Kong in 2010-11 & 2011-12. Champion Miler in Hong Kong in 2011-12 & 2012-13. 13 wins from 1400m to 2000m, HK\$58,722,850, Longines Hong Kong Mile, Gr.1, HKJC Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup, Gr.1, Citibank Hong Kong Gold Cup, L, Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Classic Cup, L, Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Derby, L, Stewards' Cup, L, Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup, L, Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy, L, National Day Cup, L. 2008 New Zealand Bloodstock NZ National Yearling Sale; Psd NZ\$47,500.

2007 (g by Golan (Ire)). . 2009 New Zealand Bloodstock NZ National Yearling Sale; Psd NZ\$35,000.

2008 **Triumphant Dragon** (g by Fast 'n' Famous). 5 wins from 1400m to 1800m. 2010 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale; T & V Infinity Investment. Sold NZ\$36,000.

2009 **Ocean Power** (g by High Chaparral (Ire)). 2 wins at 1800m, 2200m,. 2011 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale; Hong Kong Jockey Club; Sold NZ\$420,000. 2012 Hong Kong International Sale ; Wong Kwok Kin Andrew; Sold HK\$3,800,000.

2010 **Deveron** (c by Thorn Park). Raced once . 2012 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale; Bruce Perry BStk Ltd, Wgtn; Sold NZ\$200,000.

2011 **Packing Dragon** (g by Mastercraftsman (Ire)). 6 wins from 1650m to 2200m 2013 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale; Lee Wan Keung, HK; Sold NZ\$190,000.

2013 **Chopin's Fantaisie** (g by Pins). Winner at 1100m in 2017 in Singapore. 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale; Michael J Clements, Sng; Sold NZ\$150,000.

2014 (f by Pins).

Currently in foal to Rock 'n' Pop.





CORNER

GARRY'S

Well, I have spent the last couple of days at the May Sale of weanlings and mares. It was, for all to see disappointing, but then there are many things to consider. Across the board, there was only a small number of weanlings you could reasonably expect to meet the requirements of selection for the Premier Sales, those that did sold accordingly. I have always found it difficult to understand how those selling, can never see the horse as a purchaser. Selling horses can be an emotive experience for many with the value received often offensive to the emotionally attached owner. They will get over it, but it takes years of practice.

The mares are an interesting reflection on industry changes. In the early 1980's, NZ had a base mares that were the envy of Australia. We had a more favourable depreciation regime and the stallions of the moment. Only those of us with greying temples will be fully conversant with the tax-driven partnerships that not only pushed values but flushed out fillies and mares from our top families for these partnerships.

Prior to the introduction of GST, personal tax rates of 60 per cent in an era of prolific profit taking from the likes of Equiticorp, Ariadne and many others coupled with one million dollar races at Ellerslie, encouraged people to look for tax delaying opportunities. Mind you they had choices, there were syndicated Goats, Deer, Films... you name it. Michael Fay, Keith Wright, and many others cut their teeth on breeding partnerships. Imagine two-thirds of your efforts were going to reward the Government, why wouldn't you take advantage of a funded syndicate that resulted in an immediate tax credit. Too good to be true? Well, it was. A horse is very difficult to find a consistent view on value, that is of course unless you are the syndicator.

I enjoyed a ride back from the sales with Mark Davison where we dwelt on the past. I am sure he won't mind me repeating one of his stories where purchasers in 1983 were scrapping over the chance to purchase his Sir Tristram filly Mapperley Heights (pictured) for \$800k. Imagine! That was 1983, how much in today's depreciated dollars?

Well, the 1987 share market crash saw a delayed drop in bloodstock values. All of the sudden tax losses were replaced by repayment of the funded partnerships. 1989 sales realised only 40 per cent of 1987 values. This coincided with a favourable change in the Australian depreciation regulations. Our public companies had succumbed to their over inflated values and cost structures. Ones that spring to mind -who of course had a distinguished list of directors- included Troy, Ra Ora, Blandford, and the jewel in the crown Waikato. Very few of those directors add these experiences to their CV's, but the dispersal of many of our leading families across the Tasman was inevitable along with the

collapse of the special partnerships.

It's never the end though; we breed again. We still had great families to build on; the Flight family from Southland, the 'The' family of the Dennis brothers, the Andertons with Mellay and Noble Bijou, Showgate and siblings, to name but a few in the South. Ted Howarth invested, the Prestons and Jack O'Brien in Horowhenua, then the Fells, what a broodmare band founded on Chapelle Belle with siblings Silver Liner, Harp, Tall Poppy, etc. I won't mention Pakistan again as Gerald prefers to have the option as part of his intro. The Mitchell's, Te Parae with the amazing Sunbride family, Lowry's Okawa Stud, the Sartens Belle family, the Eight Carat family...I won't attempt to cover them all but you get the picture. A picture that illustrates we were in a position to recover and although something's were different, we did.

What's the point of all this? Well, times are different again and so are the challenges. One of the problems with the current moment is the broodmare band is very dependent on racetrack success rather than investment, even then the strength of the Australian buying bench makes it very hard for owners to resist the offers they receive. This temptation is not just about the money, no, it is the acknowledgement that when selling out of the retained filly she will be perceived as lacking the quality of her cousins across the Tasman unless she does race in Australia. This leads to a very slow process in upgrading the mare strength.

I started reflecting on the sale. Well, as shown so much of the previous ill-fated investment was tax driven, no such need now. To buy and invest now is because you want to be a breeder not an IRD number and that's better, there's just not enough of us. The few of you who read this hang on in, we have and will continue to. You can see the Radio Track-side program that I was removed from had a lot to discuss.

Shame it didn't happen.

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Gr.1 South Australian Derby winner MAPPERLEY HEIGHTS.

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I've been so impressed with Sacred Falls' first crop of foals, and I have to say I was delighted to see them be subsequently so well received at the Weanling Sale this week.

Sacred Falls was the leading first season sire, with his Dan Myers-consigned colt ex Apollo Pride (pictured above) providing a real highlight when selling to Hallmark Stud for \$100,000.

As we've come to expect, Savabeel was very popular and was the leading Weanling Sire overall. Congrats to Andy Williams, who picked up Curraghmore's star colt ex Avisto for \$170,000.

Savabeel has seven black-type chances this weekend to build on his record of 18 stakes winners this season. Of these seven, he counts three Gr.1 hopes in the shape of Savvy Dreams, Grand Chancellor and Mr Exchequer.

Ocean Park has similarly been making an impression this week.

OP's oldest crop are now 2YO's, and there is a groundswell of talk about them. On Tuesday at Cambridge, he had three trial winners, and tomorrow his son Holbrook lines up in the Gr.2 Champagne Classic at Doomben.

Angelique has been working away on this year's brochure. We'd love to send all of our Weekend @ Waikato readers a copy when it's completed, so if you have changed your address or haven't supplied us with one in the first place, please do just drop her an email at angelique@waikatostud.co.nz.

Have a great weekend!

Mark.



TIP OF THE WEEK

SAVVY DREAMS

Each Way Chance
Saturday
\$15 win (\$4 place) TAB
Gr.1 SA Derby
Morphettville
6:55pm

Let's roll the dice again with this one.
Connections are due a change of luck with this talented filly!



Savvy Dreams