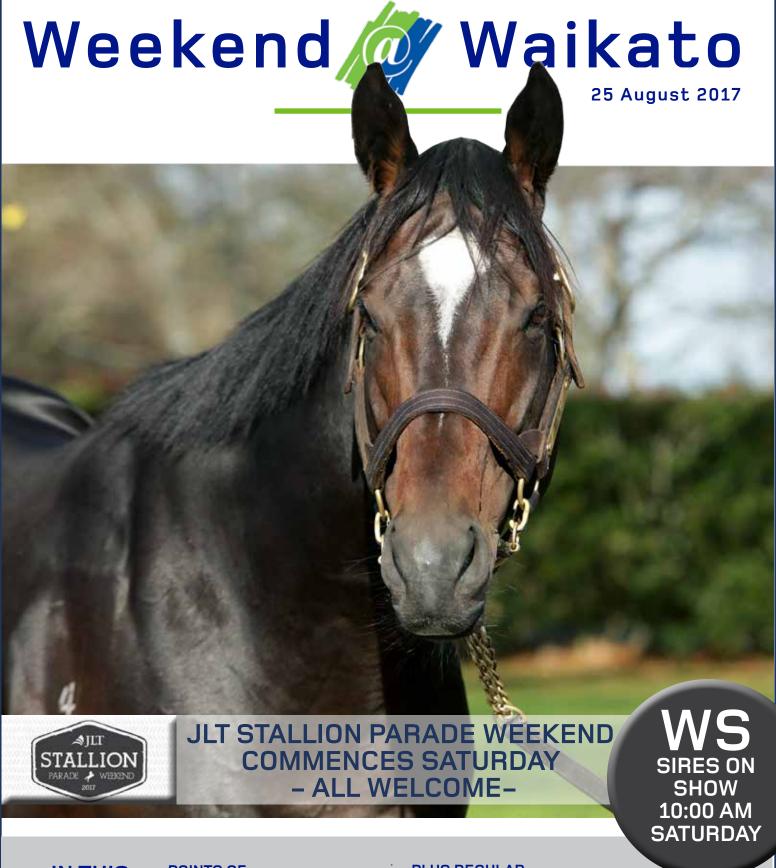
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IN THIS WEEK's W@W...

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Stallion Parade Saturday
- Visitors to the Farm
- Horses of Interest

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS BY

- Garry Chittick
- Gareth Downey
- Mark Chittick



COME SEE THE BOYS 10AM SATURDAY



WAIKATO STUD COMMENCES ITS STALLION PARADE AT 10AM ON SATURDAY.
ALL WELCOME!















HORSES OF INTERFST



ADDICTIVE NATURE 14c Savabeel – Generous Nature Gr.3 Ming Dynasty 1400m AJC 5:05 pm (NZT)



MAHALANGUR 14c O'Reilly - But Beautiful Gr.3 Ming Dynasty 1400m AJC 5:05 pm (NZT)



CHOPIN'S FANTAISIEAiming for 5th win straight in Singapore for Michael Clements tonight.



ADDICTIVE NATURE
Bjorn Baker confident step up in
distance should suit exciting colt in the
G3 Ming Dynasty



BONNY O'REILLYTalented Black-type filly resumes this weekend for Bjorn Baker stable.



Seeking win number two from as many starts in Singapore this weekend for trainer David Kok.



RIP GIRL
Staged a 3 length maiden win at
Pakenham for trainers Mathew Ellerton
and Simon Zahra this week.



CANNOT BE SERIOS

Struck his third win in Australia for Lee

& Anthony Freedman recently.



RHYTHM TO SPARERecently registered back-to-back wins for Mike Moroney



Te Akau's G1 winning colt has been purchased for a seven figure sum and will do his future racing in Hong Kong.



FELTON ROADTony Pike trained colt opened classic season with Te Rapa win. Aim is G1 Al Basti Equiworld NZ 2000 Guineas.

CORNER

It is hard to express one's views on such a vast subject in the Corner and do them justice. As I have said before my commentaries are my views with the intent purely making racing people aware of issues of the day. It is not my intention to be perceived as negative; it is not in Waikato Studs interest with our level of investment to be unable to see a future.

As in any commentary there will be grey areas, I had more critics than most during my time in the Chair but never did the dialogue cease, like it or not. So what's my point, there are nebulous points that you think am I nit picking or not. The amendment to the Act to enable race fields collections comes to mind, does it matter that the Bill is framed under the Racing and Sports title. History says the TAB was a joint venture of Thoroughbred and Harness racing, subsequently the Greyhounds were added, at no cost. There has always been this grey area of who is the rightful owner, when approached to privatise under my reign we never proceeded for reasons expressed in one of my earlier corners, but after Winston's duty reduction and the merging of the TAB and RIB we were the sole beneficiaries, so the need to establish ownership was of no great moment. I was a supporter of the introduction of sports betting, I saw it as an opportunity to expand not only our client base but our reputation. It was slow gathering momentum with the TAB paying a fee which allowed the codes a margin. Some sports attempted to play hardball, but they had no opportunity to go elsewhe re.

Fixed odds betting is bookmaking, for the codes to benefit our book has to stay ahead of the punter. An earlier Racing Board report suggested they were lucky to escape on their NBR book. My concern about including Sports as part of our title if I was the Rugby Union with a Lions Tour I would assume the right to the full margin rather than a fee, I said at the start these could be problems that need to be not problems. We need to be sure we are still in control, for us. You don't need to read the act, the purpose of the existence of our betting agency is for the benefit of the codes. Any increase in sports betting with the assumption they have rights will be at the significant cost to us. Do I worry too much, well I have had every reason to.

As an aside there has been considerable debate as to whether the Codes appointment to the Racing Board is a nominee or representative, this needs to be sorted. Another nebulous point, no it's more important than that.

The suns out, Spring is here, Ocean Park kicked off the year with a three length winner, we have 30 foals. Our racing team is too big, but we love it. Back to the Corner G

RECENT GUESTS AT THE FARM











PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY





Ocean Park was represented by his 3rd winner in Australia when Rip Girl (ex Charlotte'srevenge) won impressively at Pakenham on Tuesday. With the official winning margin being 3 lengths, and with Rip Girl looking so strong through the line at the end of the 1600m event, the win suggested there is going to be plenty more in store for her as she heads further into her classic season.

As the Australasian breeding industry is increasingly looking for stallions who will succeed when mated with mares carrying Danehill, it is very encouraging and significant that Ocean Park's three race winners have now all been out of mares carrying Danehill. To recap, those three winners are now:

- Beerzatbernz (ex Flying Rosa, by Flying Spur) Winner over 1050m as a 2yo at Morphettville
- Ocean Jewel (ex Markisa, by Danehill) Winner over 1200m as a 2yo at Belmont
- Rip Girl (ex Charlotte'srevenge, by Danasinga) –
 Winner over 1600m as a 3yo at Pakenham

Given the prolific number of trial winners that Ocean park has had to date, combined with the excellent feedback we are getting from trainers of his progeny, we are very much looking forward to watching the performances of his progeny over the remainder of the current season.

If you have a mare carrying Danehill and are looking for an exciting stallion option who is proven to cross well with such mares, please get in contact to discuss your mating plans via gareth@waikatostud. co.nz or 021 433 073

FREE MATING ANALYSIS

CLICK ON THE ICON BUTTONS TO THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE HOW WELL YOUR MARE MIGHT SUIT ONE OF WAIKATO STUD'S RESIDENT STALLIONS...







This country is amazing land, and it is incredible what a few fine days will make to it after such a prolonged wet period. It is repairing amazingly quickly.

Very enjoyable day at the Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa racecourse last Saturday. Great to see everyone there enjoying a good day of racing. Congrats to Karyn and Hamish McQuade, who bred, trained and raced the feature winner, Underthemoonlight, along with co-owner Cliff Soloman. Once again that Pins - O'Reilly cross strikes again!

We were all very excited by the fantastic win of Felton Road (Pins) earlier in the card. A very patient ride for an emphatic win. A promising start to his 3YO season, with lots of black-type starts pencilled in ahead.

The Foaling area is in full swing now, having foaled over 30 at this stage. As breeders of thoroughbreds, we only get one chance a year and obviously delivering live foals can sometimes produce challenges. Already our emergency team has been tested. It is an incredible feeling in the middle of the night, the positively and effectiveness of the sometimes ten strong team that turns up within two minutes of the help call. Amongst these, two Vets and between all of us, there could be the experience counted of delivering ... God knows, maybe 10,000 plus foals.

Without fail one of these ten who turn up is our Bloodstock Operations Manager, Kerrie Cox. Kerrie is a star – something that people all around the Waikato were made well aware of this week when she was the cover girl of the Matamata Chronicle and had a story on www.stuff.co.nz. To read the full story on Kerrie's remarkable achievements, click here.

Luckily for us, there are always more high points with foaling than low points and Suavito delivering a beautiful Savabeel colt as her first foal is a real high point.

One of the highlights of the Waikato Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's calendar, the JLT Stallion Weekend, occurs this weekend. It takes a massive amount of input and investment to possess a line-up like our seven stallions, which will be available to be seen at 10 am tomorrow. The coffee cart starts at 9:30 am

We'd love to see you there!













