

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In this photo, stand two of Australasia's greatest ever racemares...



Taken in 1976, this gem of a photo depicts the **Australian Racehorse Hall of Fame** inductees **LEILANI** and **WENONA GIRL** at the Chittick family's Thornton Park.

In this photo **Leilani** is seen on the left, held by Buzz Williams with breeder/owner Ian MacRae looking on, whilst **Wenona Girl** is on the right and being held by her heavily sideburned owner Garry Chittick.

"Leilani had just broken down, bowing both of her front tendons in the Queen Elizabeth I think. Her owner Ian MacRae was a neighbour, so when she got back to NZ it suited him to have her convalescing just down the road with us at Thornton Park until she was ready to be served by Silver Dream," explained Garry.

"It was pretty amazing to have two mares of that ilk as paddockmates."

LEILANI'S GR.1 WINS

AJC Oaks Caulfield Cup LKS Mackinnon Stakes Australian Cup Toorak Hcp To put the two mares into Gr.1 perspective, **Leilani** won five Gr.1 races for trainer Bart Cummings in Australia, and in addition to her second in the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup, she won the CF Orr and Turnbull Stakes - races currently rated as Gr.1's, with the latter taking place this weekend with the

three WS sired chances **Silent Achiever, Brambles** and **Lucia Valentina**...yip that's my link.

The Maurice McCarten-trained **Wenona Girl,** on the other hand, won 11 Gr.1 races, with a staggering 15 of her 22 principal wins revealing themselves to be Gr.1 events nowadays.

At the point of each of their racing retirement, both mares were distinguished as the highest stakes winning mare to have raced in Australia up until that point.

In terms of their impact on the modern racing landscape, **Leilani's** 46 racing descendants include the three Group winners **Hopfgarten, Grand City** and **Forest Jim**. **Wenona Girl**, alternatively, has proven to be the prolific ancestress of 281 WENONA GIRL'S GR.1 WINS

AJC Sires Produce Stakes

Adrian Knox Stakes

George Main Stakes

All Aged Stakes

George Adams Hcp

Sires' Produce Stakes

Rosehill Guineas

Rawson Stakes x2

Caulfield Futurity Stakes

One Thousand Guineas

runners, with leading lights including the triple Gr.1 winner **Kinjite** and the seven stakes winners **Manawanui, Icepin, Scaredee Cat, Frozone, Hazard, Dazzling Diamonds** and **Special Girl**.

















This week we put 60 seconds of curious questions to prominent					
Australian media personality , Richard Freedman					
Favourite comfort food:	Christmas Cake				
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	Dicky - my Dad called me that - I hate it				
Best Horse involved with:	Naturalism				
Book on the bedside table:	Japan - a reinterpretation - Paul Smith				
If you weren't a Media Personality, you'd be:	Mark Chittick's footman				
What do you do to relax:	I love back country skiing - thrilling yet peaceful				
Favourite TV show:	I've seen every episode of Seinfeld at least a dozen times each				
Who would you love to meet:	Sir David Attenborough				
Favourite holiday destination:	Skiing in Hokkaido or Sailing in Croatia				
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	It's in New Zealand				
How did you get involved with racing:	My great grandfather rode 3 Melbourne Cup win- ners. My family has had 8 Melbourne Cup winners and 4 second placings. Raised on a stud and rode show jumpers as a kid. Racing in the blood.				
Favourite Movie:	Favourite old movie - Lawrence of Arabia.				
Career Highlights:	Melb Cups, Golden Slippers, Caulfield Cups, Cox Plates - and some great horses too.				
Best piece of good advice:	Wrestling with the media is like wrestling with a pig. You both get covered in shit but the pig loves it.				
If someone was going to play you in a movie:	Larry David				
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:	My mother Del, my mate Undie, and a chef.				
Not many people would know that I	speak fluent Urdu				



O'REILLY



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O'REILLY





SAVABEEL



On track for Stakes start

WS SIRES



2014 Foal Gallery

WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY					
* *	KAIZAEN 11f O'Reilly x Lady Chanele by Citidancer	Listed UCI Stakes (1800m)	VRC	4:15pm	
* *	ATMOSPHERE 11g Savabeel x Zephyr Song by Danasinga	Listed UCI Stakes [1800m]	VRC	4:15pm	
* * *	O'FILLE 07f O'Reilly x La Fille by Grosvenor	Gr.1 Spring Classic	H Bay	4:22pm	
**	COSTUME 09f Savabeel x Disguised by O'Reilly	Gr.1 Spring Classic [2040m]	Н Вау	4:22pm	
***	SORIANO 09f Savabeel x Call Me Lily by Just A Dancer	Gr.1 Spring Classic [2040m]	Н Вау	4:22pm	
* * * * *	JUSTANEXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	Gr.3 GR Kelt Memorial H. (1400m)	Н Вау	4:57pm	
* * * * * * * *	SHANDREAM 07f Pins x Pyjamas by Centaine	Gr.3 GR Kelt Memorial H. (1400m)	H Bay	4:57pm	
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08g Pins x Petit Verdot by Carnegie	Gr.3 GR Kelt Memorial H. [1400m]	Н Вау	4:57pm	
**	KELLY O'REILLY 09f O'Reilly x Grace by Pins	Gr.3 GR Kelt Memorial H. (1400m)	Н Вау	4:57pm	
* *	LITTLE HOTTIE 11f O'Reilly x Megan's Tough Love by Rahy	Gr.2 Edward Manifold Stakes [1600m]	VRC	6:40pm	
* *	BRAMBLES 08g Savabeel x Prickle by Pins	Gr.1 Turnbull Stakes (2000m)	VRC	7:20pm	
* *	SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree by Zabeel	Gr.1 Turnbull Stakes (2000m)	VRC	7:20pm	
* *	LUCIA VALENTINA 10f Savabeel x Staryn Glenn by Montjeu	Gr.1 Turnbull Stakes [2000m]	VRC	7:20pm	
* *	IGGI POP 08g Savabeel x Freequence by O'Reilly	Gr.1 Metropolitan Hcp [2400m]	ATC	8:20pm	
* *	BRAVE CENTAUR 07g O'Reilly x Centaurea by Centaine	Listed Headquarters Tavern S. [1400m]	VRC	8:35pm	
* *	PIN YOUR HOPES 09g Pins x Zarvana by Zabeel	Listed Headquarters Tavern S. [1400m]	VRC	8:35pm	
* *	UNDER THE SUN 08g No Excuse Needed x Sleaking by Maroof	Listed Birthday Stakes (1200m)	WATC	9:35pm	
SUNDAY					
(\$\dagger*	KNIGHT'S COMMAND 07c Pins x Emerald Dream by Danehill	Sgp-1 Kranji Mile (1600m)	Sing	10:00pm	
(:::	WAR AFFAIR 10g O'Reilly x Kristique by Kris S	Sgp-1 Kranji Mile (1600m)	Sing	10:00pm	











Pedigree Pointers with... GARETH DOWNEY



SUCCESSFUL HONG KONG PATTERNS

We all know how important it is for the progeny we breed to be able to succeed in the demanding and high class Hong Kong racing jurisdiction. So it's pleasing to be able to report what a very good weekend it was for "our boys" in Hong Kong last weekend. Between **O'Reilly, Pins** and **No Excuse**Needed, they had seven runners representing them, and four of these came home winners.

Each of these winners was also an example of an already proven successful pedigree pattern – with these being:

O'REILLY

Had four runners for two winners; with those two winners being Mighty K and Grand Elite. The 2nd dam of Mighty K is by Star Way; and when O'Reilly and Star Way have been combined anywhere in a pedigree, the results have been 13.2% SW/Rnrs. The 2nd dam of Grand Elite is by Noble Bijou; and when O'Reilly and Noble Bijou have been combined anywhere in a pedigree, the results have been 16.4% SW/Rnrs

PINS

Was represented by the one runner and that was **Happy Centenary**, who came home a winner. The 2nd dam of **Happy Centenary** is by **Century**, and this renowned combination of **Pins** and **Century** anywhere in a pedigree is running at **10.9** % **SW/Rnrs**

NO EXCUSE NEEDED He is having another very good season, currently leading the NZ Sires Pre miership, and is also running 4th on the Centaine Award for global earnings. In Hong Kong on the weekend, he was represented by two runners, with Sky Man winning and taking his record to three wins from five starts. Moves Like **Jagger** was the other runner and he ran 3rd, making it three placings from his last three starts. Both of these performers are out of Volksraad mares, and this cross has also produced the Melbourne Gr. 3 winner in **Take The Rap**.

If you would like to discuss your mating plans for this season, and the pursuit of proven successful pedigree patterns, please feel free to contact me at gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or on 021 433 073



Check out Mark's instalment this week, featuring Daffodil and her 2014 Savabeel filly, by clicking on the image below...



