



THE WAIKATO WEEKLY

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Blesk *a colt to follow*

JOHN O'SHEA HAS A QUALITY THREE-YEAR-OLD ON HIS HANDS IN BLESK AND THE RANDWICK TRAINER HAS LOFTY FUTURE GOALS IN MIND FOR THE SON OF SAVABEEL.

Bred and part-owned by Waikato Stud, he did exactly what was expected of him when successful on debut at Goulburn.

"He's a very exciting colt and we've liked him all the way through, so it's nice to get the first one on the board. He's got a bright future," O'Shea said.

"We were really bullish about him and he's got a lovely turn of speed."

O'Shea said he will take Blesk along quietly in the coming weeks before getting more serious next year.

"We'll continue to educate him and get some mileage into his legs during the Spring with a view to the Guineas in the Autumn."

Blesk is a son of Sparkling, an O'Reilly mare, who is a sister to the dam of the Group One winners Diademe and Embellish, and is a half-brother to Espumoso, who as Regency Legend is unbeaten in Hong Kong.



Above: Blesk

Acting in hot form



Acting

OUR RACING TEAM CONTINUES TO PERFORM WELL ACROSS THE TASMAN AND NONE MORE SO THAN ACTING WHO WAS RECENTLY SUCCESSFUL AT SANDOWN.

She also won her previous start at Echuca with the filly's only miss for trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young coming on debut.

Acting has showed plenty of natural speed in her two victories, leading all the way on both occasions under jockey Linda Meech and in a style that suggests she can make her mark in far better company.

She's highly-regarded by the stable and holds a nomination for next month's Gr.1 Flight Stakes in Sydney.

By Savabeel, the three-year-old hails from one of our best families as a daughter of Hollywood, a Pins mare out of the two-time Group One winner Glamour Puss, whose half-brother Vision And Power also claimed a pair of top-flight victories.

Quick Questions with Henrietta, The Dowager Duchess of Bedford

Interviewed by George Chittick

WE LOVE WELCOMING GUESTS FROM NEAR AND FAR AT WAIKATO STUD, AND WE ESPECIALLY ENJOY VISITS FROM HENRIETTA, THE DOWAGER DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, AND LONG-TIME FAMILY FRIEND.

Henrietta is a recognisable figure within the racing industry and known for her huge interest in racing both as a spectator and owner of racehorses in New Zealand and overseas.

During her visit to Waikato Stud last week, she graciously accepted an invitation to join budding interviewer George Chittick on the sofa for a Quick Questions Session.

Watch the video below to learn more about Henrietta as she answers George's questions on everything from her most memorable horse race, what book she's currently reading, to how she became involved with the Chittick family through a chance encounter with a young Lisa O'Sullivan.



[Click here to watch the full Quick Questions Session hosted at Waikato Stud by George Chittick.](#)

Sister act

Our yearling manager, Jaime Gowler, is not the only superstar in her family with not one, but two of her sisters winning titles at the World Rowing Champs in Austria recently. Kerri won gold along with Grace Prendergast in the women's pair, and Kerri and sister Jackie were part of the women's winning 8, a title never won by a New Zealand team before. These results see both boats qualify for the 2020 Olympics. It's fair to say we're pretty chuffed at the success of our extended family and wish Kerri and Jackie all the best for their continued success. The Cambridge based athletes certainly have the necessary grit to continue on their winning ways. Look out for them training in nearby Lake Karapiro.



Waikato Stud's Community Champions

OUR WONDERFUL WAIKATO STUD COMMUNITY IS MADE UP OF MANY SPECIAL PEOPLE.

This week the spotlight falls on Kelly Balsom (nanny) and Steve Carson (chef), who have been volunteering their time within the wider Matamata community. Not only are these two always happy to pitch in when extra help is needed on the farm, they are generous with their time when it comes to helping others too.

Kelly is a regular volunteer at the Matamata community dinners hosted weekly on a Sunday evening and last week for the one-year anniversary of the initiative, she was joined by Steve. Founded to help less fortunate members of the community and as a way to connect local citizens, the weekly community dinner hosts a steady crowd of 50 – 60 people, which rises to up to 250 over the holiday season.

Waikato Stud is also proud to support the community initiative and was delighted to provide a beast which we

had processed into cuts to be utilised for the dinners during the year. This is definitely a situation where too many chefs will not spoil the broth so if you're keen to either attend, donate or help out, all the details can be found on the Matamata Community Dinners Facebook page.





RESIDENT STALLIONS

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY OFFERS YOU AN
INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED STALLION LINE-UP.



Savabeel

10.8% Stakes winners to runners

SERVICE FEE:

\$125,000 + GST LFG (BOOK FULL)



Sacred Falls

Leading young sire

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Tivaci

Group One winning sprinter/miler

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Ocean Park

The sire of 102 winners
and 13 stakes horses

SERVICE FEE:

\$15,000 + GST LFG



Ardrossan

Group winning sprinter

SERVICE FEE:

\$8,000 + GST LFG



Rock 'n' Pop

Multiple stakes producer

SERVICE FEE:

\$7,000 + GST LFG



WS Sired Stakes Runners

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Kaonic

Savabeel x Fast Love

Newcastle Race 5 - Cameron HCP 1500m Open Gr3

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Glyn Schofield

Savapinski

Savabeel x Swarovski

Newcastle Race 5 - Cameron HCP 1500m Open Gr3

Trainer: C & D Maher & Eustace

Rider: Tim Clark

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Madison County

Pins x Red Delicious

Caulfield Race 7 - Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes 1400m Open Gr1

Trainer: Murray Baker And Andrew Forsman

Rider: Damian Lane

Kaonic

Savebeel x Fast Love

Randwick Race 5 - Bill Ritchie HCP 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Glyn Schofield

Purple Sector

Pins x Eden Valley

Randwick Race 5 - Bill Ritchie HCP 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: John P Thompson

Rider: Tim Clark

Tofane

Ocean Park x Baggy Green

Caulfield Race 5 - How Now Stakes 1200m Open Gr3

Trainer: Michael Moroney

Rider: Michael Dee

Probabeel

Savabeel x Far Fetched

Randwick Race 4 - Tea Rose Stakes 1400m Open Gr2

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Rider: Kerrin Mc Evoy

Kolding

Ocean Park x Magic Star

Randwick Race 5 - Bill Ritchie Hcp 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Glen Boss



WS Sired Stakes Runners

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Star Of The Seas

Ocean Park x Stella Livia

Randwick Race 5 - Bill Ritchie Hcp 1400m Open **Gr3**

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Brenton Avdulla

Take A Risk

Rock 'n' Pop x French

Riccarton Park Race 8 - R8

N Z B'stock Canterbury Belle 1200m Open **LR**

Trainer: Sharon Robertson

Rider: Jasmine Fawcett

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Concert Hall

Savabeel x Classic Legacy

Pukekohe Park Race 7 - Haunui Farm Karaka Classic
1600m Open **LR**

Trainer: R & R James & Wellwood

Rider: Matthew Cameron

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O'Reilly x Bohemian Blues

Pukekohe Park Race 7 - Haunui Farm Karaka Classic
1600m Open **LR**

Trainer: Stephen Marsh

Rider: Danielle Johnson

Black Type Spotlight

ONES TO WATCH



Madison County (Pins x Red Delicious) Group 1 Sir Rupert Clark Stake

The recently crowned 3YO horse of the year and WS homebred lines up against a strong field at Caulfield. First start with jockey Damian Lane aboard.



Shoshone (Sacred Falls x Dee I why) Group 3 Hawkes Bay Breeders Gold Trail

The Ken and Bev Kelso trained filly returns after a strong win on her debut at Ellerslie. They will be hoping to repeat this performance again with jockey Cameron Lammas aboard.



Probabeel (Savabeel x Far Fetched) Group 2 Tea Rose Stakes

After a tough first up run a couple of weeks ago the Jamie Richards trained daughter of Savabeel who was a listed winner at two is hoping to be in the winner's enclosure once again this weekend under the hands of Kerrin McEvoy.

Foal Gallery





Cheex - Tivaci



Mystery Lake - Savabeel



Miss Bling - Sacred Falls



Impurrfection - Ocean Park



Lego - Savabeel



Mark's Mail

You may have read or heard about the article published by Brian De Lore, writing as "[The Optimist](#)" that appeared last Friday. Brian's forthright language reflects a growing level of frustration that many of us in the racing industry feel. The article was followed by the news that John Allen has resigned as Chief Executive of the Racing Industry Transition Authority.

The Messara Report was welcomed, and we were promised swift action to rejuvenate the industry, but as of yet, nothing useful has come of it. The report seems to be lying under someone's desk propping up a wobbly leg, the recommendations languishing somewhere within the rabbit warrens of the racing industry's bureaucracy. I do not want to be unjustly critical but as time races by, the industry that we all rely on; owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys and all our employees, is evermore desperately in need of attention. I remain optimistic but it may be time that all of us in the industry

band together and demand action. We must remember, that it is race day that brings us our customers and livelihoods.

ON THE FARM...

It's the best time of the year at Waikato Stud (and many other farms across New Zealand). Spring has sprung, foals are aplenty and the breeding shed is a buzz. We're at it again doing what we do best – starting the dreams again and giving these potential champions every opportunity in this incredible environment. I want many more generations to enjoy this experience – New Zealand we are good at it! Our family loves it, every day there is always something to look forward to, it's what we live for at Waikato Stud.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK...

Breeding of the week: It's impossible to go past Make A Wish who was served by Savabeel on Tuesday. As you may know, her yearling colt made \$1.4million at this year's Karaka sale

bought by David Ellis. It's bloody good to see him already a trial winner and in good fashion!

FOALING OF THE WEEK

We had a quality Sacred Falls filly from a real favourite of ours in Gold Fever, a Gr 2 winning, Gr 1 placed mare by Savabeel out of Gold Rock's.

WINNER OF THE WEEK

West Wind (2015 Pins x Zephyr Song mare) trained by Ciahron Maher and David Eustace won on debut at Wangaratta over 1400m.

Click here (<http://bit.ly/2lWx68E>) to watch jockey Harry Coffey's comments on the run.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Race 3 Hastings- Without Flaw (2016 Sacred Falls ex Miss Purrfection filly). Raced in partnership with Trevor Luke and trained by Peter McKay she faces a stiff test on debut in R65 company, however, she's shown good ability and will run a bold race.



Garry's Corner

What to say... what subject on Racing NZ has not been covered? You see I would not last as a professional scribe. In the so-called real world, I could spend weeks on the Labour Party's most recent diversion - you all know what it is, then, of course, you don't really. Sort of reminds you of where we are at present, are we, as the so often used mushroom analogy being fed bull- - - and kept in the dark?

[Click here](#)
to read Garry's Corner