



THE WAIKATO WEEKLY

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# Welcome back



It was great to have a bit of a get together down at Game Gully with the team on Saturday night to celebrate recent success.

Right back into it again Monday morning with a lot of breeding work on at the moment and trying to get ahead before a big week next with the Ready to Run Sale breeze ups.

I must say, a big credit to our team for their hard work and dedication which ensures the

smooth sailing of things at this busy time of year.

Keep reading to catch up on what else has been happening and what's in-store for this week's racing.

We hope you enjoy the read.

**Mark and the Waikato Stud team**

# Savabeel's cup hope

## *won't lack for support*

**WAIKATO STUD EYES WILL BE FOCUSED ON SAVABEEL'S SON, THE CHOSEN ONE WHEN HE STEPS OUT IN SATURDAY'S GR.1 CAULFIELD CUP.**

He booked his place in the feature event with a determined victory in the Gr.2 Herbert Power Handicap. Stephen Baster has been booked to ride him.

The Chosen One was bred by brothers Joe, Martin, Ray and Tony Dennis and was presented at Karaka through Janine Dunlop's Phoenix Park draft, but now they certainly have no regrets he failed to meet his reserve of \$150,000.

A group that included the breeders was quickly pulled together to race the horse and nobody's had any regrets since.

"I took a share and he was all sold within a day or so, he wasn't hard to syndicate at all," Dunlop said. "I'm going over for Saturday so here's hoping."

**Mark Chittick said, The Chosen One's connections deserved all the success that came their way.**

"Tony Rider and Rayner Bonnington are involved, and they are good blokes who are passionate about the game."

"Janine Dunlop is obviously a great horsewoman and the Dennis brothers have been breeding top horses out of this family for years. They've all been in the game a long time and they all deserve it. I think he's a serious chance."

The Chosen One's pedigree is also familiar to co-trainer Murray Baker,



who enjoyed success with another family member, The Phantom in the late 1980s.

"He ran third in the Caulfield Cup to Cole Diesel and that was a long time ago," he said. "The Dennis brothers' breed always takes a bit of time to get going".

"The older they get the better and they have bred a lot of great horses who always seem to get better".

"The Chosen One can certainly stay and was a desperately unlucky fourth in the ATC Derby last season when he drew wide and had to go back to last and it was a great run. He followed that up by winning the G3 Frank Packer Plate at Randwick at his next start."

Above: The Chosen One.  
Photo credit Darryl Sherer.



# Further Group success beckons for *Ocean Park*

## OCEAN PARK'S REPRESENTATIVES IN OUR MAIN MARKET OF AUSTRALIA CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE GOODS.

Following on from his son Kolding's victory in the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap, daughter Tofane collected the G3. Northwood Plume Stakes at Caulfield while Rondinella was a fine second in the Gr.3 Ladies' Day Mile, watch out for her when she steps up over more ground.

On Saturday, the promising Ocean Park filly, Ocean Miss will take aim at the Gr.3 New Zealand Bloodstock Ethereal Stakes.

She was a debut winner for Mornington trainers David and Coral Feek and the Terry and Vicki Pascoe-bred three-year-

old was then an eye-catching fourth in the Kennedy Oaks Trial at Flemington. She has been ridden in both of her starts by Michael Walker, who takes the reins again.

"Ocean Miss should have won last start instead of running fourth," he said. "I rode her with a view to the Oaks and she settled beautifully, but if I had put the Oaks out of my mind she could have won as I would have pressed on a bit more."

Walker believes she has all the makings of a Gr.1 VRC Oaks winner.

"I've got no issues about her running the Oaks trip. She showed me that the other day," he said.

Meanwhile, Tofane will make an appearance during the Melbourne Cup carnival, but it is next year that trainer Michael Moroney is hoping the best will be seen of the Ocean Park mare.

The four-year-old looked a top-flight winner in waiting when she was successful at Caulfield in the Gr.3 Northwood Plume Stakes for the third success of her eight-start career.

"She'll probably run in a 1400 metre race at Flemington and we'll give her a chance at a Group One race in the autumn."

Tofane had been out of the money at her previous performance in the Gr.3 How Now Stakes and Moroney said he resisted the temptation to step her up in distance and his decision was richly rewarded.

Her effort to win at Caulfield was all the more impressive, as not everything had gone smoothly in her lead-up.

"She missed a couple of days work with a foot abscess but in saying that, coming back to the 1200 was even better. We got her right and that's the turn of foot that we know she's got. She's going to be really exciting."



Left: Tofane. Photo credit Darryl Sherer.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK WITH SAM MCLEISH

## WE CAUGHT UP WITH SAM MCLEISH WHO HEADS UP WAIKATO STUD'S PRE-TRAINING DIVISION, COURTZA PARK, FOR THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS.

Sam's experience is extensive and dates back as far as he can remember and with his father being a bloodstock agent, he was always around horses growing up.

Before taking up the reins at Courtza Park, where he oversees the education of all the stud retained young horses and any racehorses spelling or needing rehabilitation, Sam has had an illustrious

career working with some of the best horses and trainers across the Trans-Tasman.

Career highlights include strapping Atlantic Jewel for her win in the Group 1 all ages stakes and working for John O'Shea for 11 years, the last three of those being at Godolphin's Warwick farm in Sydney. He attributes Fast and Famous (who also previously stood at Waikato Stud) as his favourite horse he's worked with to date.

Speaking of what he enjoys about working at Waikato Stud, Sam said "I love getting to work across all the other areas of the farm and learning new things. There is an absolute wealth

of knowledge across all divisions of the breeding operation which is very interesting". It is also the first year Sam has overseen horses being placed with Australian trainers. "From the five sent over, Acting has been a Group 2 winner and Magazine a listed place getter which is very rewarding".

We currently have a vacancy for a track work rider to join Sam's team at Courtza Park. If you have experience with young racehorses and are interested to find out more, get in touch with Sam at: [courtza@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:courtza@waikatostud.co.nz)



## WINNER OF THE WEEK:

Tofane winning the G3 at Caulfield on Saturday.

## FOALING OF THE WEEK:

Thy (O'Reilly) foaled a lovely Savabeel filly on Wednesday.

## BREEDING OF THE WEEK:

Emily Monk, who went to Savabeel. Her foal this year by Savabeel is a beaut.

## TIP OF THE WEEKEND:

Tommy Gold in R1 at Randwick on Saturday.



# On the farm

## Fabulous filly for David

Te Akau principal David Ellis stopped by the farm this week to visit his mare Corsage (by Volksraad), who has foaled a lovely filly by Almanzor. Corsage is booked to go to Savabeel this season for a full sibling to Group 2 winner, Aotea Lad.



## Whiskey @ Waikato

Wednesday evening saw a slight change from the usual out here at the farm. We enjoyed hosting some good friends including Aidin and Clare Dennis of Federal Merchants who brought along Ross Blainey (Balvenie Brand Ambassador) and Phill Spector from William Grants for a touch of whiskey tasting. We're very lucky to have spots on the farm like our "Game Gully" which provided the perfect backdrop for the Scottish themed dress code!



# On the farm

Photography:  
Nicole Troost



Alongside another fabulous meal from Waikato Stud head chef Steve Carson, we enjoyed tasting the Balvenie aged 14 years Week of Peat and the Glenfiddich Fire and Cane.



# 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 18 OCTOBER

### Marina

(Ocean Park x Homeland Sheila)

Murray Bridge Race 8 Murray Bridge Cup - 1600m Open **LR**

**Trainer:** John Hickmott

**Rider:** Sairyn Fawke

### Sir Plush

(Pins x Luxurious Lady)

Randwick Race 6 Sydney Stakes - 1200m Open **Gr3**

**Trainer:** Bjorn Baker

**Rider:** Joshua Parr

## SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

### Astraeus

(Savabeel x Elusive Nature)

Caulfield Race 3 Gothic Stakes - 1400m Open **LR**

**Trainer:** Trent Busuttin And Natalie Young

**Rider:** Dwayne Dunn

### Brutal

(O'Reilly x Alberton Princess)

Randwick Race 6 Sydney Stakes - 1200m Open **Gr3**

**Trainer:** M, W & J Hawkes

**Rider:** Tommy Berry

### The Chosen One

(Savabeel x The Glitzzy One)

Caulfield Race 9 Stella Artois Caulfield Cup - 2400m Open **Gr1**

**Trainer:** Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman

**Rider:** Stephen Baster

### Ocean Miss

(Ocean Park x Bound To Impress)

Caulfield Race 6 Ethereal Stakes - 2000m Open **Gr3**

**Trainer:** D & C Feek

**Rider:** Michael Walker

### Princess Kereru

(Pins x Fleur D'Amour)

Arawa Park Race 7 Sweeney Stakes - 1215m Open **Gr3**

**Trainer:** K & B Kelso

**Rider:** Cameron Lammas

## SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

### Preditor

(Savabeel x Bird)

Singapore Race 9 Queen Elizabeth II Cup - 1800m Open **Gr1**

**Trainer:** Shane D Baertschiger

**Rider:** John Powell

# Black Type Spotlight



## Ocean Miss (Ocean Park x Bound To Impress)

### Group 3 Ethereal Stakes

Won well on debut and went ok at Flemington with no running room. Drawn wide, hopefully pushes forward, expect her to be running strongly through the line on the way to the Oaks.



## The Chosen One (Savabeel x The Glitzy One)

### Group 1 Stella Artois Caulfield Cup

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained son of Savabeel has drawn the carpark and will need to slot in. He's fit, got the right gear on and suited in the handicap conditions.



## Astraeus (Savabeel x Elusive Nature)

### Listed Caulfield Race 3 Gothic Stakes

He's run well in each of his three starts this prep. Genuine chance in a strong form race. Booked to take up the reins is Dwayne Dunn.



# Mark's Mail

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CHECK IN WITH MARK AS HE TALKS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT AT WAIKATO STUD IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF MARK'S MAIL.



## Garry's Corner

I never thought I would spend time on the corner reflecting on the effect of jigsaws. But it seems the placement of the jigsaw pieces is the inhibiting factor in the immediate progress of our RITA board. Confused? Well, if you happened to see Weigh In last Sunday, our Chairman went to great lengths to justify the snail-pace progress on fitting the jigsaw pieces in the appropriate spots.

Well, I am fortunate enough to have a late edition to my grandchildren; Charlie Chittick. He is 30 months old, and he is, according to his mother, the only child born in recent times! Fair enough. One of his particular skills is the assembling of (yes you guessed) jigsaws...

[CLICK HERE](#)  
to read Garry's Corner