



THE WAIKATO WEEKLY

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Mark and the Waikato Stud team

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Ocean Park Opportunity

The Waikato NZTBA has attracted a major drawcard to its 2020 Fiber Fresh NZ Breeders' Stakes raceday on April 4th with the confirmation today that we will be donating a service to this season's breakout sire Ocean Park.

"Ocean Park has been the most influential NZ-based sire in Australasia over the last season. He currently leads New Zealand's sire premierships for Australasian earnings and in Australia, he is the only NZ-based sire in the top ten on its general sires' premiership," said Waikato Stud boss Mark Chittick.

As a racehorse Ocean Park was a five-time Gr.1 winner who achieved crowning glory in the time-honoured Cox Plate.

As a sire, Ocean Park has proven quite the revelation this season, with four stakes winners including the Chris Waller-trained Gr.1 Epsom Handicap and inaugural Golden Eagle winner, Kolding.

Importantly, three of these four stakes winners have come in Australia, with Oceanex and Tofane registering Gr.2 and Gr.3 success at Flemington and horses such as Rondinella, Another Dollar and Star of the Seas flying the flag with additional form across the Tasman.

"Just like O'Reilly before him, Ocean Park is a terrific endorsement for NZ.

He was bred here, trained here and is now leaving his mark as a sire here. With this being the case, we felt it was fitting for Waikato Stud to offer a service to him at a raceday celebrating New Zealand's leading Gr.1 fillies and mares," said Chittick.

"Interestingly, parallels between the two sires don't end there as not only does O'Reilly feature in Ocean Park's pedigree, but at the same point in time, they both counted six stakes winners - albeit with the Cox Plate winner holding a slight edge due to being the first to strike Australian Gr.1 success."

Above left: Ocean Park. Above right: Kolding.



Out of the Park sets track record

Probabeel's Gr.1 wasn't the only special result for the WS team last Saturday. Earlier in the day our Business Manager Mike Rennie had his faith in Ocean Park duly rewarded with Out of the Park setting a track record of 2.14.54 in a 2200 metre rating 82 event at Wingatui.

Mike and his good friend Jack Stewart bought Out of the Park off Gavelhouse for \$14,000 in 2019.

"My friend Jack had seen her on Gavelhouse and asked me about her.

She had always shown ability with placings in 10 of 19 starts, so when I happened to see her at Brendon McCullum's place and saw she was a ripper, I was keen to be part of it," said Rennie.

Since this time, she has rewarded their faith with \$41,626 in earnings via three wins from six starts.

"Robert (Dennis) has done a great job with her. He's changed things up and fiddled with a few things and she has really turned the corner," said Rennie.

"One of the things that has really helped is stepping her up over a trip."

"One of the nice things about racing her is after every win I get at least a dozen messages or phone calls celebrating her effort. This includes her former owner Brendon McCullum, who never fails to send a message after a win."

Out of the Park

Breeding
Ocean Park - Under & Over

Breeder
Mark Chittick

Owners
Mike Rennie and Jack Stewart

Trainer
Robert Dennis
Target
Listed Riverton Cup



60 Seconds with Cheryl Legh

Cheryl and Rupert Legh paid their former racehorse and now sire Tivaci a visit this week. While here, we took the opportunity to learn a little bit more about Cheryl...

How did you get involved with Thoroughbreds?

It was through winning a racehorse in a football raffle. This horse had an injury, so the owners decided to refund our money instead of giving us the horse. With this we bought a good horse which our 7yo son Chris named Captain Carrot (Lunchtime). We sold Captain Carrot to Hong Kong and with this money we bought four more horses and the rest is history.

What are some of the greatest thrills you have enjoyed in Racing?

The greatest thrill we've found is the people we have met. Our greatest moment in terms of a racing performance was

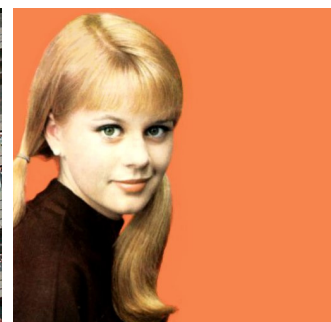
Chautauqua's win in Hong Kong's Gr.1 Chairman's Sprint Prize (1200m).

We were lucky to even make it to the start with him. He was being led out for a walk when he heard another race go. It was as if he thought he'd missed his race and he just lost it, kicking off his shoes. The farriers subsequently had to re-shoe him because of this, not once but twice!

So when all the other horses were heading to start, Chautauqua was only just entering the parade ring and looking rather agitated – as did Michael (Hawkes). The rest is history, but this is why this race is even more brilliant than people realize.

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What is your approach to naming horses?

When we are travelling, we are constantly on the look out for names. We tend to follow themes such as Indian Chiefs/Reservations (Arapaho Chief, Niwot) or National Parks (Chautauqua).

Best horse bred?

The 1986 Gr.1 Victoria Derby winner Raveneaux (Voodoo Rhythm).

Who are the some of the horses you have been most fond of?

Sky Heights - He was our first really successful horse. The journey he took us on with his four Gr.1 wins was amazing.

Chautauqua - He was a quirky horse. He was tough and had a mind of his own right from the start. He was so unpredictable – he could break our hearts but when he did things right, he was incredible. He should have never won the Hong Kong race. He is now being trained as a show horse by Casey Bruce and Rob Gaylard and the transition is going well. It's great that people are still following his journey.

Tivaci - After enjoying his career on the racetrack, we are now getting the pleasure of watching his progeny develop. He was very relaxed racehorse and he's just the same nowadays as a stallion.

What exciting horses are you currently involved with?

Exceedance, Alabama Express, Master of Wine and Brutal.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing what you do now?

As a kid I always dreamed of being a photographer for National Geographic.

What is one of your greatest personal achievements?

Being with Rupert since we were the ages of 18 and 20.

What is one of your personal philosophies?

Work hard, enjoy life and have fun.

Name four people you would love to invite to a dinner party?

Garry Chittick - To learn more about how Waikato Stud was established.

Mark Chittick - To learn more about where Waikato Stud is heading in the future.

My 95-year-old mother Audrey - To listen to her life lessons

Prince Harry - To ask him 'what are you doing?'

Who was one of your childhood heroes?

Little Pattie - She was a little blonde singer. At the impressionable age of 13-14, I wanted to be just like her.

Favourite places travelled to?

England, France and Italy – we love the three.

What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

The warmth of the hospitality.

The relaxed environment – which is to the great benefit of animals also.

Tivaci.

Above (left): Chautauqua's brilliant win in Hong Kong's G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize.
Above (right top): Little Pattie. Above: Sky Heights.



WS Sired Stakes Runners

Friday 6 March

Seaway

(Ocean Park x Miss Purrfection)

Newcastle Hcp - 1400m Gr.3, 7:30pm NZT

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Glyn Schofield

Purple Sector

(Pins x Eden Valley)

Newcastle Hcp - 1400m Gr.3, 7:30pm NZT

Trainer: John Thompson

Rider: Tim Clark

Saturday 7 March

Cool Aza Beel

(Savabeel x Cool 'n' Sassy)

Ellerslie Sistema Stakes - 1200m, Gr.1 3:40 pm NZT

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Rider: Opie Bosson

My Pendant

(Pins x My Locket)

VRC Schweppervescence Trophy - 1600m, Gr.3 4:05 pm NZT

Trainer: Danny O'Brien

Rider: Regan Bayliss

Fabric

(Ocean Park x Haberdashery)

VRC Schweppervescence Trophy - 1600m, Gr.3 4:05 pm NZT

Trainer: Danny O'Brien

Rider: Craig Williams

Cryptic Jewel

(Savabeel x Treasure The Cross)

VRC Schweppervescence Trophy - 1600m, Gr.3 4:05 pm NZT

Trainer: Brent Stanley

Rider: William Pike

Tiptronic

(O'Reilly x Tiptoes)

Ellerslie New Zealand Stakes - 2000m, Gr.1 4:55 pm NZT

Trainer: Graham Richardson

Rider: Jason Waddell



WS Sired Stakes Runners

Saturday 7 March

Rondinella

(Ocean Park x Valpolicella)

Ellerslie New Zealand Stakes - 2000m, Gr.1 4:55 pm NZT

Trainer: Roger James & Robert Wellwood

Rider: Vinnie Colgan

The Chosen One

(Savabeel x The Glitzy One)

ATC Randwick City Stakes - 2000m LR, 7:05pm NZT

Trainer: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman

Rider: Nash Rawiller

Supera

(Savabeel x Sopra Tutto)

Ellerslie New Zealand Stakes - 2000m, Gr.1 4:55 pm NZT

Trainer: Ken & Bev Kelso

Rider: Danielle Johnson

Savacool

(Savabeel x Chilled Out)

ATC Aspiration Hcp -1600m Gr.3 7:40pm NZT

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Kathy O'Hara

Prise de Fer

(Savabeel x Foiled)

Ellerslie New Zealand Stakes - 2000m, Gr.1 4:55 pm NZT

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Rider: Jonathan Parkes

Another Dollar

(Ocean Park x Make A Wish)

ATC Aspiration Hcp -1600m Gr.3 7:40pm NZT

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Jason Collett

Tofane

(Ocean Park x Baggy Green)

VRC Newmarket Hcp - 1200m, Gr.1 5:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Mike Moroney

Rider: Michael Dee

Missybeel

(Savabeel x Sitting Pretty)

ATC Aspiration Hcp -1600m Gr.3 7:40pm NZT

Trainer: Bjorn Baker

Rider: Tim Clark

Bully Boy

(Rock 'n' Pop x Fru Ju)

Ellerslie Auckland Cup - 3200m, Gr.1 5:35 pm NZT

Trainer: Shaun & Emma Clotworthy

Rider: Danielle Johnson

Gr.1 Spotlight



Banquo
(Written Tycoon x Noondie)
Gr.1 Newmarket Hcp

The WS part-owned colt returns to the scene of his Listed Springtime Hcp (1400m) success this Saturday in a quest to add Gr.1 stallion credentials to his name.



Tofane
(Ocean Park x Baggy Green)
Gr.1 Newmarket Hcp

The dual Gr.3 winner has a two-from-two record second up and will get the opportunity to advance this to three-from-three with Michael Dee in the saddle.



Cool Aza Beel
(Savabeel x Cool 'n' Sassy)
Gr.1 Sistema Stakes

The 2020 Karaka Million 2YO winner is considered the one to beat. Drawn well in barrier one and has the services of Opie Bosson aboard.



Mark's Mail

Success is best when shared.

I always say success is best when shared, be it our own, our industry's or that of good friends, such as Cheryl Legh who featured in the 60 Seconds segment this week.

It was a huge thrill last Saturday to see New Zealand's racing and breeding industry dominate at Royal Randwick with the Gr.1 success of Probabeel and Te Akau Shark.

I will also say the team here also got a huge kick out of our Business Manager Mike Rennie's success with Out of the Park, who set a track record at Wingatui. It's great to see a person like Mike back their judgement, put some skin in the game, and be rewarded like this. Good on you Mike!

We hope you have enjoyed our two newsletters this week. They are something we enjoy putting together, so if you do have some feedback or suggestions as to what content you'd like to hear more about, please do just sing out.

Good luck to all racing this weekend!

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Garry's Corner

We are back!!!

Yes, I know we have been a little lazy over the Xmas period when there was so much that deserved our attention. Not that my tuppence worth has any effect with it influencing only the two of you.

Mind you as a result of our going into recess, I was flattered by the two of you emailing your disappointment at having nothing to idle away the occasional half hour. The problem is I am not sure now who you may be, unless you have an alias I may have a slightly larger following, there was dare I say more than two complaints. So back to work.

Where to start...

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