

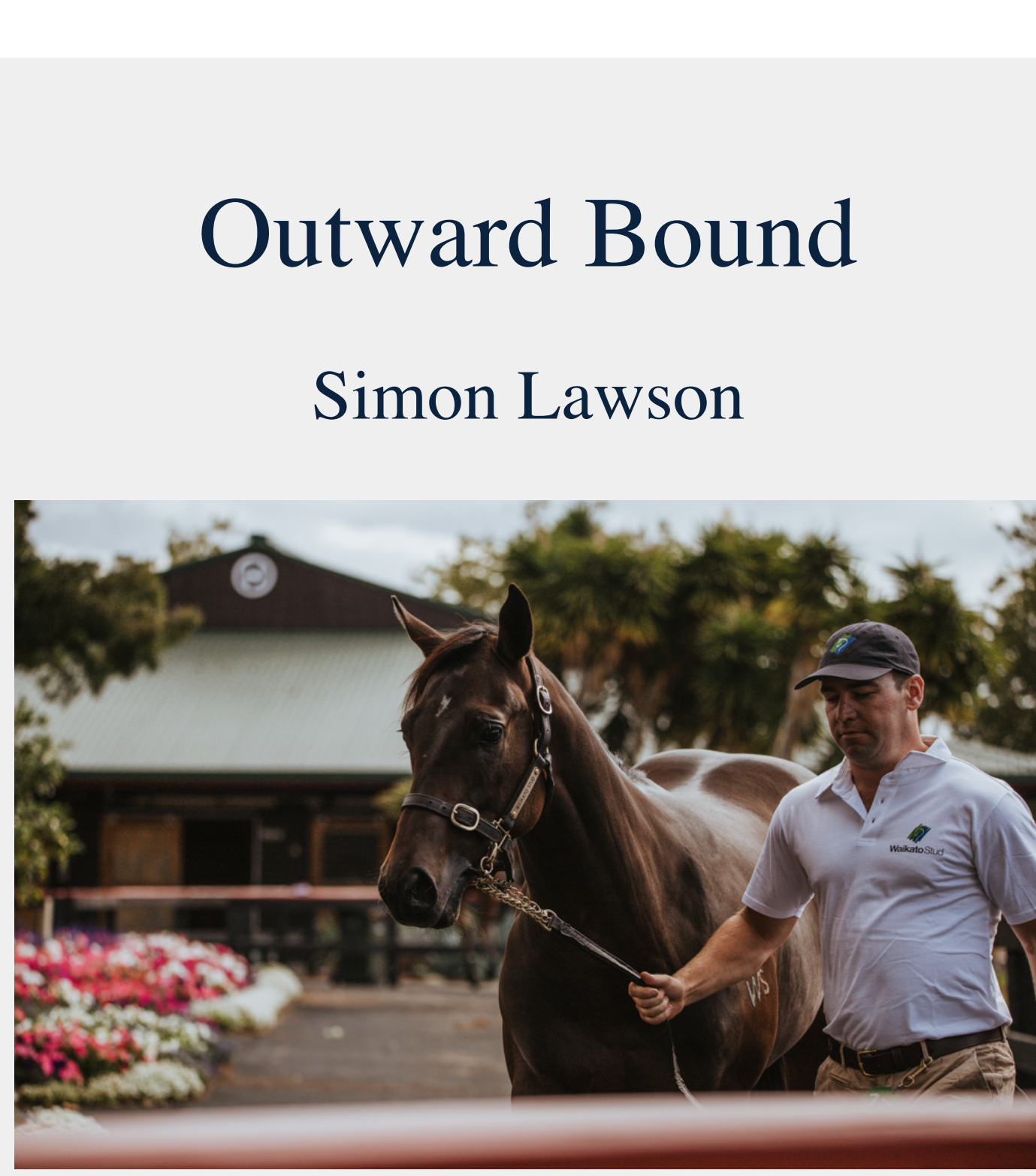


Waikato Weekly

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ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



It's been all systems go across the ditch at the Magic Millions National Sale, with the first of the Super Seth weanlings selling well. Out of the Golan mare **Miss Bling**, this colt sold to Silverdale Farm/Shrone Bloodstock for AU\$100,000. He is a quality colt that had many comments, so we are excited to see how the Super Seths grow out as yearlings. WS born and raised 2YO Listed winner, **Tilianam** (2018 Savabeel x Spending) also sold extremely well, purchased by Newgate Farm for AU\$625,000.

The superstar mare and 4-time Group 1 winner, **Tofane** (Ocean Park x Baggy Green) was always going to be an exciting one to watch and she sold to Yulong Investments for AU\$3.1million. We are thrilled for her breeder and good mate Gordy Cunningham, and better yet, Baggy Green is back in foal to **Ocean Park**, due August!

Outward Bound

Simon Lawson



Tell us about your role at Waikato Stud for the upcoming season:
I am the Dry Mare Manager, based on a farm called O'Reilly's.

Explain to us briefly what Outward Bound is about, and specifically your course:

Outward Bound is like a school camp for adults, it's designed to push you mentally and physically, so you have to dig deep and reach your full potential. My course was over five days, and was designed for current and aspiring leaders.

Was the course what you were expecting, or if different, how did you find it?

I didn't really know what I was in for, but I loved the challenge, and it also gave me a chance to reset and recharge with no contact with the outside world.

If you could take just one thing away from your experience to put forward into your work for the upcoming season what would that be?

It's hard to pick just one key point, but keeping positive no matter how hard the task gets is key to getting the results. This will relate back to the work environment well, especially during the busy season when tensions can get high!

Tell us a funny (or favourite) story or experience on your trip.

There were plenty of highlights but one of my favourite experiences would have to be when a pod of dolphins swam alongside us while sailing the Queen Charlotte sounds.

What's something you weren't expecting from your trip?

I honestly wasn't expecting to have so much fun and learn so much in just five days - if someone you know ever gets the chance to go to OB, grab the opportunity with both hands!

WINNER'S CELEBRATION

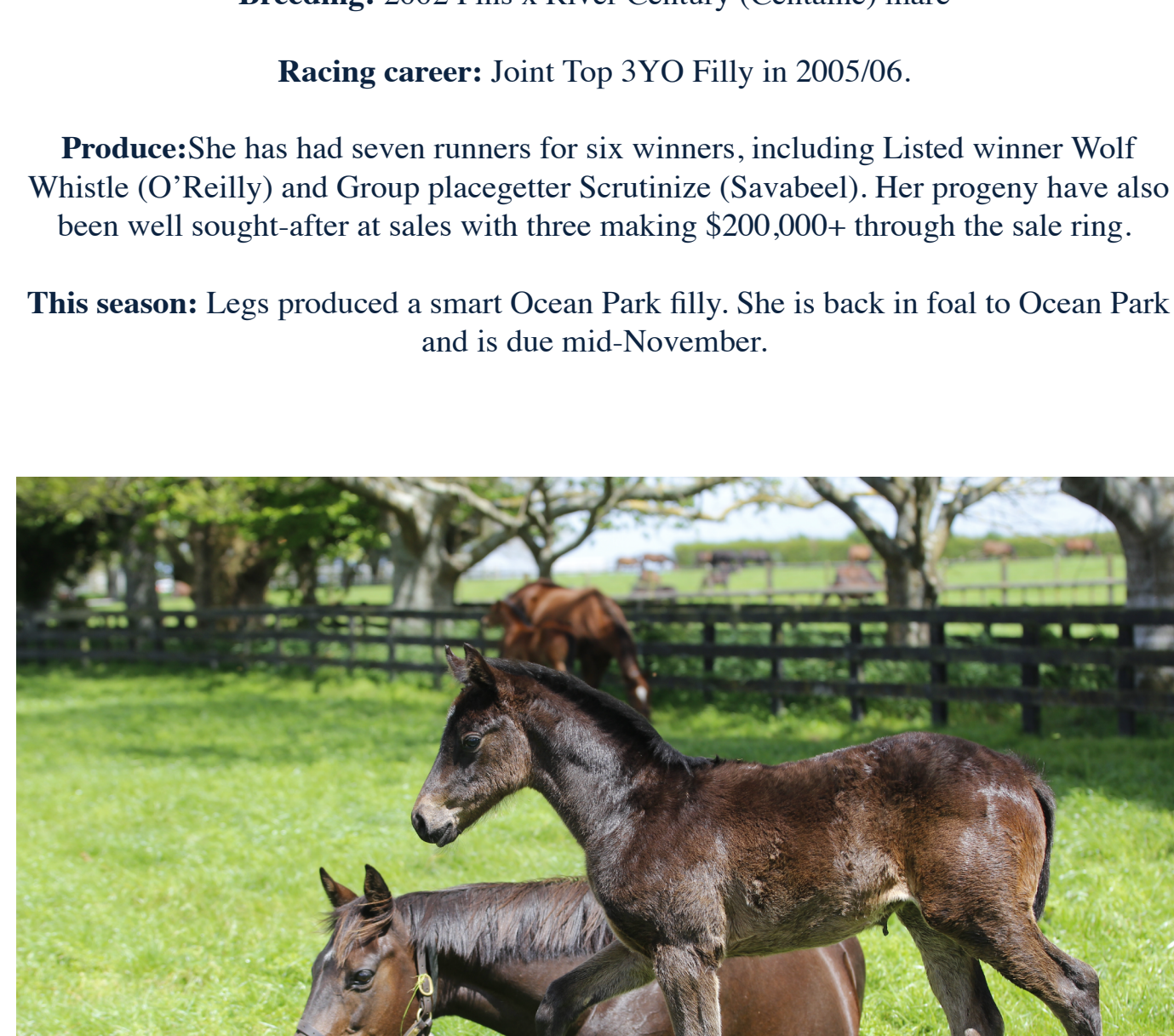


Synchronize (2018 Savabeel x Splits filly)

Two weeks ago at Rotorua the daughter of **Savabeel**, **Synchronize** secured the third win of her career. Ridden by jockey Michael McNab, she aided him in hitting the major milestone of his 100 wins this season.

Born and raised at Waikato Stud, this filly is out of the unraced **O'Reilly** mare, **Splits**. A daughter of the dual Group 1 winner **Legs**, she is also from the family of Group 1-winning **Tiptronic**. She was a \$280,000 purchase for Te Akau Racing's David Ellis at the 2020 Karaka Sale.

This week on Garry's Corner



And so it ends. Yes, the major yearling sales are over for yet another year. What a finale at the Inglis Australian Easter Sale, with million-dollar horses a dime a dozen, vendors with reserves unheard of, it is indeed exhilarating. On analysis, there is no doubt it is the sales company you want to own. I have said many times the beauty of our product is the horses generally reflect the money supply washing around the economy. With COVID focussing our mind on domestic activities and with increasing stakes levels, it was a recipe for the success the sale has been.

Ironically, the swing to colonial breed stallions has led to a fighting frenzy over colts perceived as future site prospects. This in turn is reflected in a tight number of judges who purchase in an ever-increasing circle from each other. Who is the major beneficiary? The sales company. There is, as always, more champions purchased than raced. A very successful stud owner said to me many years ago that it's better to pay the fine, that is, try to purchase off the track.

Between Australia and New Zealand, there are roughly 8000 colts born a year. At the end of the season, if there are half a dozen who have the credentials coupled with the desired race results who meet the criteria to go to stud, that would be all. They won't all come from one sale, they may not have been offered, so good luck to all who are having a go. Our industry is based on dreams.

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Mare of the Week

In the lead up to the foaling season we're going to introduce you to and follow some of the star mares on the farm.



LEGS

Breeding: 2002 Pins x River Century (Centaine) mare

Racing career: Joint Top 3YO Filly in 2005/06.

Produce: She has had seven runners for six winners, including Listed winner Wolf Whistle (O'Reilly) and Group placegetter Scentinize (Savabeel). Her progeny have also been well sought-after at sales with three making \$200,000+ through the sale ring.

This season: Legs produced a smart Ocean Park filly. She is back in foal to Ocean Park and is due mid-November.



The King's ONES TO Watch

WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/ Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

The King's Tips

WS BRED: ZAYYDANI

Zayydani (2016 Savabeel x Ruqqaya mare)

Jockey: Luke Nolen

Trainer: Ben and JD Hayes

Recent: Group 2 winner during the summer season

Upcoming Race: Saturday 28th May, Eagle Farm, G3 Sky Racing Lord Major's Cup, 1800m, Race 3

OUTSIDER: SOPRANO SUPREME

Soprano Supreme (2017 Contributor x Falsetto mare)

Jockey: Kerrin McEvoy

Trainer: Mark Walker

Recent: Second in last start at the Gold Coast, and won twice in a row at Rotorua before heading to Australia.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 28th May, Eagle Farm, Living Turf Premier's Cup, 2400m, Race 2

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